Excursion

Via Lehigh Valley R. R.,

—TO—

Mauch Chunk, Switchback, and Glen Onoka,

Under the Auspices of the

English Luth. Sunday School,

OF POTTSVILLE,

Wednesday, July 19, '99

Special Excursion Tickets to Glen Onoka will be sold from the following stations, at rates named, and for Special Train at time noted below:

	Train Leaves	RATES. Adult's	Children Bt. 5 & 12 yrs
Pottsville, (P. R. R. Station,	7.30 a. m.	$1.25	75c
Schuylkill Haven,	7.40 "	1.25	75c
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In case of unfavorable weather, excursion will be run the following Wednesday, July 26th, 1899.

Tickets can be secured at Nagle's Novelty Store, 119 E. Norwegian st., Val. Stichter's Stove and Tin Store, 13 S. Centre st., J. H. Kaiser's Grocery Store, 700 W. Market st., and at Lehigh Valley R. R. Office, 107 E. Norwegian st.

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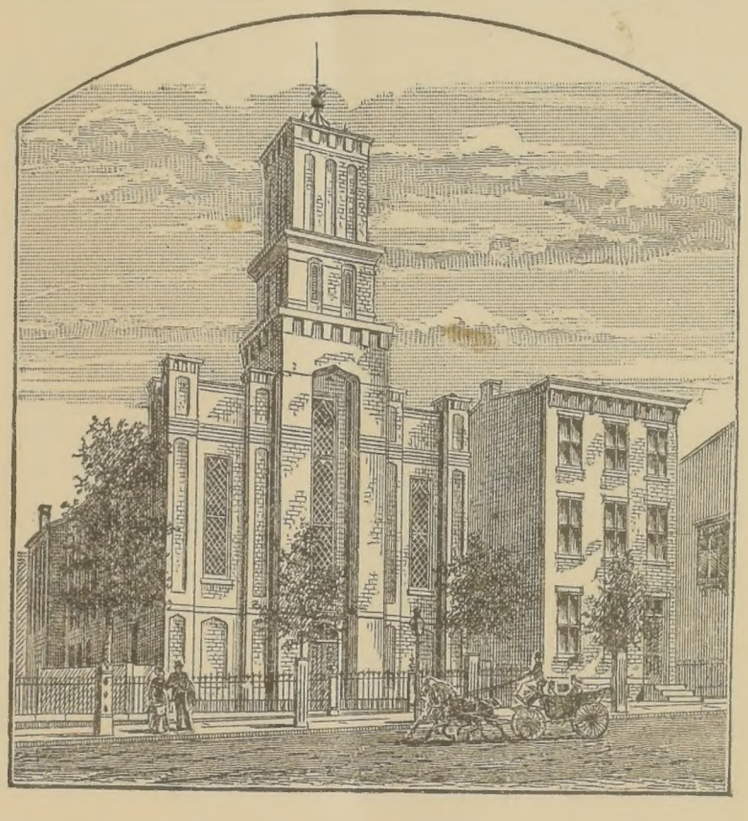

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, POTTSVILLE, PA.

INFANT SCHOOL.

We are a thousand times repaid already for all the labor and worry incident to the erecting of our New Building, by the sight of the sparkling eyes and smiling faces of the little ones. They come trooping in and seat themselves with an air of pleased proprietorship that is delightful to behold. And they have also become missionaries of no mean ability, for their number is increasing every Sunday. They remember their kind teachers and their comfortable and beautiful little room and they talk about them daily through the week.

The division of this school into three classes, has been of great assistance to its worthy Superintendent, and it begins to look as if four classes would not be too many.

The Lord bless the Lambs of the fold and guide the Shepherds into green pastures!

"GO TO CHURCH.—Do not stay away. Be at every service. Let your seat never be vacant. Do it because God commands it, because your vows require it, because your soul needs it. Do it because the Church is encouraged by it, because your pastor's heart is made glad by it, because others are induced by it to do the same. Be punctual, be attentive, be devout. Let all, old and young, parents and children, go to church."

CONFERENCE.

On the Twelfth of November, the Lebanon Conference of the East Pennsylvania Synod convened in the Lutheran Church of Mahanoy City, Rev. I. P. Zimmerman, pastor. Brother George Rishel, senior, was our Delegate and upon the second day of his sojourn the writer had company from the parsonage.

The subjects discussed were as follows:

What are the elements of a true revival? Is Church Literature a means of developing Church Work? What constitutes fitness for Church Membership? The Weekly Prayer-Meeting—Scriptural teaching concerning the same — Its relation to Church life — Duty of Church members to the Prayer meeting — Result of neglecting it — How best conducted. Reasons why children of the Church should attend Public Worship on the Lord's Day; and the parents' responsibility in the matter. Best method of interesting Our Young People in Church Work. Motives for beneficent Work of the Church, when and how best urged upon the people by the Pastor.

On Monday Evening a sermon was preached by the retiring President of the Conference, Rev. W. H. Dunbar, from Acts 19: 23, which was intently listened to and heartily enjoyed by all present. On Tuesday Evening he also addressed the Sabbath-School and general audience, urging upon all their duty towards our Orphans' Home. Addresses were also made by Revs. M. H. Stine and G. M. Brown.

We had a most interesting convention, were very kindly entertained by a generous people and have each returned we hope with renewed interest in the work.

Port Carbon Church needing assistance, and having been referred to our Conference by the Synod, we agreed to help them in the support of their pastor. They asked in all $125 for the year from the fourteen charges represented. Conference meeting again within six months, we agreed to give the half of what they asked in this interval and to take such action hereafter as may seem best.

Rev. Dunbar's term of office having expired, he was succeeded in the office of President by Rev. P. C. Croll, of Schuylkill Haven, while W. H Lewars, under similar circumstances, was succeeded by

E. G. Hay, Secretary.

BERMUDA.

A most instructive and enjoyable entertainment was given our Ladies' Sewing Circle, upon the evening of the 10th of November, by the kindness of Mr. A. L. Phillips. Some seventy-five views of the Bermuda Islands were presented upon the canvass, by the aid of a fine stereopticon. We know that our Sunday-School Scholars would be equally gratified if they could see them and we have a strong impression that they yet may have the chance.

EXCHANGES.

Among these we desire to acknowledge The Co-Worker, published at Twenty-Five Cents a year and edited by the Rev. A. L. Loder, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of this place.

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HISTORY

OF THE

English Lutheran Church

OF POTTSVILLE, PA.

1847. —— 1888.

E. G. HAY.

This is the title of a neat volume of One Hundred and Sixty-Seven pages, which has just been prepared by the pastor. It contains just such facts as every member of the congregation ought to know, and as many people not in our congregation will be interested in knowing.

Our Church has had nine regular pastors since the time of its organization, May 16th, 1847, one of these being both the first and the sixth.

They have been as follows:—

Rev. Daniel Steck, D. D., from May 16th, 1847 to Nov. 26th, 1857.
Rev. W. H. Luckenbach, from Nov. 26th, 1857 to Aug. 20th, 1859.
Rev. S. A. Holman, D. D., from Aug. 23rd, 1859 to Sept. 1st, 1861.
Rev. L. M. Kuhns, from Oct. 12th, 1863 to Oct. 11th, 1865.
Rev. Uriel Graves, from Nov. 9th, 1865 to July 6th, 1868.
Rev. Daniel Steck, D. D. from Sept. 22nd, 1868 to July 17th, 1870.
Rev. J. Q. McAtee, from Feb. 22nd, 1871 to Nov. 8th, 1877.
Rev. John McCron, D. D., from Jan. 20th, 1878 to Aug. 1st, 1880.
Rev. E. G. Hay, from Nov. 6th, 1880.

Rev. Philip Willard also supplied the pulpit during a protracted interim, from January to October, 1862.

A picture of Church and Parsonage and a good portrait of each of these ministers appears in this volume, and also a sketch of the life of each, especially that portion devoted to the interests of *our* congregation.

Two interesting sermons of Doctor Steck's are included, the one a favorite of his upon THE VOYAGE OF LIFE; the other his FAREWELL SERMON at the close of his second pastorate.

A full record of the names of all persons received into the congregation, baptized, married or buried by our successive pastors is also given.

All the leading events in the history of the Church, from its origin to September 1st, 1888, are narrated in the order in which they have occurred, and the origin, membership and work of each one of the Societies which have or have had an existence among us is given in full.

There is also a tabulation of all the congregation's annual Reports to Synod from the very first, showing, year by year, the membership of the Church and Sunday-School, and the amounts contributed by each.

This is just the thing for our older members, as it is full of pleasing reminders of days and scenes that have almost faded from recollection.

It is just the thing for the younger members, who ought not to be ignorant of the facts presented, and who will learn to love the Church in proportion as they learn to know it.

It is just the thing for our absent or former members, all of whom are now reading the English Lutheran with so much of interest.

It is just the thing for any friends of the congregation or of one or more of its several pastors.

It is selling rapidly, over one hundred copies having been delivered within the past few weeks. If you desire a copy be prompt in ordering, as the supply is limited. Send all orders to the pastor. Price, One Dollar. Copies promptly delivered in town, and mailed elsewhere free on receipt of price.

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REGULAR SERVICES.

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Morning Service at 10.30.

Sabbath School at 2 P. M.

Young People's Meeting at 6.30 P.M.

Evening Service at 7.30.

Teachers' meeting, conducted by the Superintendent, on Tuesday evening at 7.45.

Prayer meeting, conducted by the Pastor, on Thursday evening at 7.30.

Women's Missionary Meeting the last Wednesday of each month.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the Second Sabbath of each Quarter.

Preparatory Services in connection with the Prayer Meeting service the Thursday evening preceding Communion.

STATED OFFERINGS.

Envelope collection for Pastor's Salary and Current Expenses and Missions the First Sabbath in each month.

Basket collections at every service.

Special Basket Collection the Last Sabbath of each month.

DO NOT FORGET

To make, hereafter, a contribution to Missions on the First Sabbath of Every Month. Put it in the same envelope with your regular contribution to the General Fund and *mark the amount* you intend for each upon the place for that purpose upon the outside of the envelope. And do not be afraid to give too much to Missions. Give *what you can*, each month, and the Lord will bless you each month. This money sends the Gospel of our dear Savior to the hearts of the needy. Can we wonder that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver? "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

"MINISTERS AND GENERALS.—Too much is said of the ministry in connection with the conquest of the world for God and righteousness. Alone they can do but little. They are teachers and leaders, but the members of the Church are the mighty working power. On an occasion when great honor was shown to him, General Sheridan said to the soldiers about him, "I want to say to you, comrades, that I am indebted to the private in the ranks for all the credit that has come to me. He was the man who did the fighting, and the man who carried the musket is the greatest hero of the war, in my opinion. I was nothing but an agent." So in the Church. When every one is loyal, courageous, strong and obedient to the voice of the Commander; when the people as one man, but each one for himself and in his own place, support the ministers of the gospel, victory awaits us; but the ministry alone can never conquer the world."

MISSIONS.

Last Report of the Board of Foreign Missions at the General Synod, on

AFRICA.

Evangelistic and Educational.

In addition to the Congregation at Muhlenberg, there is one five miles east and another ten miles north of Muhlenberg. The total membership is 151, of whom 120 are adults. 33 Communicants were added during the year. Schools are kept up at each of the three points, the pupils numbering 222.

Industrial.

The Mission Farm has now some 13,000 coffee trees in bearing, which yielded, during the year, $3,112.35 worth of coffee, which was shipped to this country and sold for the benefit of the Mission. 8,000 young trees were set out in 1886, and in 1887, 27,000, making in all 48,000 trees on about 95 of the 100 acres that compose the original Mission Farm.

A Blacksmith and Machine-Shop, under the management of Mr. Clement Irons, a skilled mechanic, formerly of Charleston, S. C., has been added to the Industrial Department. Tools and machinery to the amount of between $1,500 and $2,000 were donated by Mr. Irons and Mr. H. M. Schieffelin, a benevolent gentleman of New York City, who is interested in Mr. Day's work.

Ten Native Helpers,

of whom two are ordained ministers, are assisting our missionaries in various departments of the work.

Results.

Through the combined influence of these Evangelistic, Educational, and Industrial operations, so intelligently and judiciously conducted by Rev. Day, a far-reaching influence for good is being exerted by the Mission. For more than a hundred miles around, the people are being made to see the superior advantages of a Christian civilization, and are thus being gradually but surely prepared for a practical acceptance of the Gospel of Christ.

Receipts of the Board.

For carrying on the work in India and Africa the Board received, from all sources, during the financial year ending March 31st, 1888, $25,249.50, as follows: Collection at General Synod, $71.27; American Tract Society, $100.00; From the Southern Church, $493.72; Publication Society, $1,500.00; Woman's Missionary Society $3,987.65; and from individuals, Sunday-Schools, and Churches, on the apportionment, $19,096.87, or $10,903.13 less than called for by the Board and endorsed by the General Synod. As the work in India and Africa is arranged with the expectation that $30,000 will be raised directly on the apportionment, it is evident that

During 1888,

at least $10,000 in addition to the annual apportionment of $30,000 must be raised, if the work is not to suffer or the Board be left heavily in debt. To make up the deficiency an appeal was sent out to the pastors and superintendents, early in April, asking for a special collection from each Sunday-Schoool. About 4000 schools have already ordered 44,050 envelopes for this purpose, and 97 schools have reported collections amounting to $1517.50, or an average of $15,64 each.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas comes but once a year, it is true, but it comes sometimes toward the close of unusually busy years in the history of the Church. That after all the special services and efforts of the present year the Teachers of the Sunday-School should feel like spending a more than usually quiet Christmas season, is not surprising. They hope for a happy one for themselves and others, nevertheless. The services of the Church on the morning of the 23rd instant will be appropriate to the season.

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Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

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OFFICIAL RECORD.

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Mrs. Prof. G. A. Transue.

BAPTIZED.

Nov. 11th, 1888.

J. Allen Kaiser.

Nov. 25th, 1888.

Violet Henrietta Mader.

MARRIED.

DECEMBER 10th, 1888.

Mr. Simon Erbe,
Miss Mary Henninger.

BURIED.

Nov. 23rd, 1888.

Mrs. Washington Gross.

DEC. 4th, 1888.

Mr. Benjamin Evert.

DEC. 7th, 1888,

Mark John Nelson.

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CATECHETICAL CLASS

Meets every Tuesday Evening at 7 o'clock, in the Church Parlor. It has already met three times and is of very promising size for a beginning. But it ought to *grow*, and grow *rapidly*. In truth we are not trying to make much headway in the course of instruction until the class attains something like its probable ultimate size. We are not wasting our time, by any means, but not going forward so rapidly as we should were all now there whom we yet expect to see. It is true, and we should be thankful for it, that the great mass of our young people are already in full membership. But this is not true yet of all, and alas there are some among our older Sunday-School scholars who still find it hard to yield to the Master's call!

May we not confidently ask the hearty co-operation of all our members, and especially of the parents of these children we are most anxious thus to reach for the Lord, in the immediate building up of the present class? None are too young, none are too old to be present. If ages vary greatly, it will be an easy matter to constitute two classes. One Sunday-School teacher has just told us that her entire class will be present hereafter. Another sends several of her scholars who had not been there before. Let the good work go on. God bless our class!

FORESHADOWINGS.

When Columbus boldly steered his bark into mid ocean, what was the secret of his daring? No traveler from beyond the sea had reported of the antipodes, no authentic chart directed him on the track of previous explorers. He saw nothing, he heard nothing, he knew nothing of what awaited him. But he believed on grounds that gave him all the assurance of vision, and was confident that he should reach land. The coast line toward which he steered was as real to his mental perception as if he saw it with the bodily eye. He exemplified the power hidden in the seeming contradiction, "seeing the invisible."

But though the grounds of his determined course were not visible, they were none the less real. He reposed on an assurance derived from his knowledge of the form and structure of the earth. He knew that there must be a way round the globe in one direction as well as in another. He had the courage and energy to act on this knowledge. He was sustained by it against discouragement and contempt, against hope long deferred, against loss and disappointment, against mutiny in his own ship. The world counts him a hero.

When, however, a man directs his course through life with supreme reference to the hidden life beyond, what says the world? Is it not thought fanatical to risk present and sensible good for things that "eye hath not seen, or ear heard," and why? Does nothing exist beyond what we can see? Because we have not visited them, are there no coral isles? We have never seen the long polar twilight; is it, therefore, a fable? Men are ready enough to believe their fellows, but when God speaks they have no ears. New islands and continents are believed in without question, but the vast spiritual universe, in which all the world of sense is inwrapped, and whose small still voices echo continually in our spirits — that has no reality to multitudes of souls. The faith that draws its motives thence is deemed a mystery or a delusion. Columbus is admired for committing himself to the waves on an assurance derived from his knowledge of the constitution of the natural world; but an assurance derived from as certain knowledge of the moral and spiritual government of God, confirmed by revelation and by an experience of "the powers of the world to come," that cannot be discredited without self-contradiction, is looked upon with pity or contempt.

If we wonder at the perverseness of unbelief, much more must we wonder at ourselves, that our faith has so little power to contend with human opinion. How easily are we shamed out of it! Those who enter the race for a corruptible crown "run all," and run with all their might. But many, who say that the prize before them is incorruptible, "run as uncertainly," and "fight as one that beateth the air." The things that are unseen but eternal,— so enslaved are we by the senses,— fade before the glare of this earthly scene, and are as though they were not.

The prayer we need to offer is for an increase of faith — the faith that endures as seeing the invisible; that believes God against the contradictions of men; that is victorious over

doubt, and human fear, and self-indulgence; and that will convince all who behold us, that while in the world we are not of the world, but have our citizenship in heaven.

W. K. P.

MISSIONS.

We learn from the new Secretary of Council, brother J. H. Helwig, that the contributions for missions, given in connection with those toward the general fund, on the first Sunday of January are encouragingly large. We hope this is prophetic of an equally liberal offering upon the first Sunday in February, and upon every month in the present synodical year. We have now met in full for the last two years the proportion of our responsibility indicated by the request of Synod. And what we have done twice before, we can surely do again. The way to do this, however, is by bearing the matter on our hearts continually and contributing as the Lord has prospered us every month. We should remember also that the amount apportioned to us by Synod is considered the very lowest amount we ought to think of giving, and that it is our duty to abound in this grace of liberality more and more.

A QUESTION ANSWERED.

In our last we asked a question, Whether or not we should be compelled to defer our congregational meeting, as usual, from the day appointed to the following Sabbath? Those who came enabled us to answer this question aright. While there was not the attendance that was desired, there was a marked improvement upon other years, and the meeting was held, as we propose to hold all future ones, *at the time announced.*

All vacancies to be supplied by this election were excellently filled, as will appear on our ninth page, where the names of the Council and its Officers appear. Read that statement — learn to know those who conduct the affairs of our household of faith and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

THAT HISTORY.

On every hand we have been hearing appreciative words concerning our recent effort in collating a History of our congregation. And these expressions of gratification come not only from our own congregation but from others in this and other places. A Professor at Gettysburg writes: "I have read your 'History' and am much pleased with its clear and entertaining style. It will be a valuable souvenir for the people of your congregation and an excellent contribution to the history of the Church at large to be written in the future."

Rev. W. H. Luckenbach, D. D., our Second Pastor, writes, "It is gotten up very handsomely, is quite exhaustive in its treatment and evinces much labor and perseverance in its preparation. It reflects honor upon its author and is creditable to the Church."

We hope to see, ere long, a copy of this volume in every family in the congregation, and with this in view have offered it at a price so low (but $1.00) that all may be able to purchase it. The pastor can supply you at any time.

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

This season, as it comes and goes, is always fraught with blessing to those who employ its hours aright; but there are years when our people seem to take special delight in it. We think it may be truly said that never, under the present pastorate, have we entered more fully and generally as a people into the spirit of the movement, than in the week that has just passed away. We were glad to observe, and to see that others observed, the large proportion of our people in attendance at the Union Services on the successive afternoons, and highly gratified at the unusual attendance at our own services at night.

May the spirit of increasing earnestness in our work, so abundantly manifested at these services flow onward, with life giving power, into every channel of activity, may every individual feel its presence and power. Continue, O Lord, to revive thy work!

LITERARY SOCIETY.

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Reapers can't work without sickles, sowers can't sow without sacks, ploughmen can't plough without implements; neither can we win souls without the Christian's outfit. Like gold diggers, you need but little, but this should be of the best. For if any work needs to be doubly endowed with blessings and gifts, this certainly more so.

We need, Clean Hands — That the Gospel be not blamed; A Pure Heart — That our prayers may be heard; Wise Heads — For knowledge is power; A Quick Eye — To see golden opportunities; A Ready Ear — To hear both God and man; A Guarded Tongue — That we may speak aright; Swift Feet — That we may say, "send me." All we need for lifting the cross that men may see it and live are bound up in the following mighty agencies:

Love — This never fails, in life or death; Faith — Of the mustard-seed, and mountain-moving kind; Sympathy — Which wins the hardest heart; Courage — That lifts burdens as the tides lift ships; Perseverance — That conquers all things; Tact — Which is common sense at work; Earnestness — Like the zeal of Paul, Luther, Wesley. In addition to all these we need Power. This the soul winner must have; not only power with God but with men. We had better limp like Jacob, with power, than to walk straight and not have it. It comes from above. It is the gift of God. When endued with it, there is a holy enthusiasm that fills the soul. Wisdom and knowledge fills the brain.

There is no such word as fail to the man thus baptized with the Holy Ghost. How may we get it? First, the heart must be right, for the Lord will not hear us if we regard iniquity. Next, there must be a great desire for it, which desire must have for its object the salvation of souls and the glory of God. Then, there must be prayer — continued prayer—prevailing prayer — believing prayer — a wrestling as in olden days. To the one who thus comes and waits in faith there will be given power from on high, and thousands of souls will be saved. Oh, friends, above all other blessings seek this — tarry in your closet till you are "Filled with the Spirit," and "Power of the Word," God's word, not our word, for the "sword of the Spirit" is the "word of God." Soul-winning work will neither be effective or lasting if their is not a great plenty of the Law and the Prophets and the Gospels. If wisely aimed, there are few who can stand many shots direct from the word of God given by those whose souls are ablaze with desire for their salvation. Pour in upon the individual, the Sunday-school class, or the small gatherings, or the large assembly the mighty truths of the Bible, and as sure as harvest follows seed-sowing, so sure will this work win men to love and serve our Lord. Such workers cannot help but succeed. Those they meet in the City of Destruction or find in the pits of death, will respond to "the tug of a mighty soul."

Give us a single hundred, fully-won men, whose aim and object and purpose is nothing else but to spend and be spent in saving souls, and before a decade has passed, every hill-top and valley of all lands will blaze with the electric light of God's presence, and

millions of men, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, having been won through revivals thus kindled, will make the very "mountains and hills break forth before you into singing." Oh for a company of full-of-faith, dead-in-earnest, thoroughly awake, constantly alive, always-at it, never-give-up, sure-to-win men, that will now determine to seek the closet of prayer and once and forever give themselves to God for this work. Then secular means will be sanctified to a purpose. Then the iron grip of the will, fixed on "this one thing I do," will, under God, mould, twist and turn various methods, means and opportunities into one channel. Then the worker will create plans for winning men and the keen sight of his soul tell him how they are to be used.

Our Saviour gave his disciples a badge. Some of you wear a blue ribbon and others wear a red ribbon, but the badge that Christ gave to his disciples was Love, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one toward another." Love not only for those who are christians, but love for the fallen. The Good Samaritan had love for the poor man who had fallen among thieves. If we are filled with such love as that, the world will soon find out that we are the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. It will do more to upset infidelity and rebellion against God than any-thing else. SECOND DEPARTMENT.

WELL SATISFIED

Our Sabbath-School seems to be with all its present officers in all departments — for, at the recent annual meeting, every one was unanimously re-elected.

Y. M. C. A.

Nothing can give greater delight to a pastor than to see the increasing power of the truth over the hearts of his people. Nor is there any one way in which this latter is more plainly manifested than by the increasing interest taken by them in the spiritual welfare of each other, and of such as are out of Christ.

There has been more and more of evidence among us, in recent years, that God has thus been blessing his own truth as declared from the pulpit and by the faithful teachers of the Sabbath School, and as exemplified in the lives of the most consistent followers of Christ in our congregation. While it delights us it ought not to surprise us, for it is but that which we ought to expect.

One striking exhibition of the power of the truth among us was the conviction, in the hearts of a few of our young men, that they should band themselves together for more aggressive spiritual work, and the organization of our Young Men's Christian Association as the result of that conviction. This occurred as early as the 9th of February, 1887. There were but seven at their first meeting. Sixteen others have been since added, three of whom are no longer with us. The movement was far sighted and. properly nurtured, must needs lead to many important results. A meeting of the original Association for prayer, an hour before evening service, was widened, as early as the 20th of March of the same year, into a general meeting of both sexes, conducted by the Association. This service has been continued with increasing interest and attendance ever since. Last Sunday

Ladies' Auxiliary of our Young Men's Christian Association,

ORGANIZED JANUARY 17th, 1889.

NUMBER OF CHARTER MEMBERS FORTY-THREE.

OFFICERS ELECTED:

PRESIDENT, - - MRS. DANIEL CHRISTIAN.
VICE PRESIDENT, - MRS. E. J. SKELLY.
SECRETARY, - - MISS KATIE DENTZER.

CONSTITUTION

Adopted at Date of Organization.

ART. I. The name of this organization shall be The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association, of The English Lutheran Church, of Pottsville, Pa.

ART. II. The Object of this society shall be to work in unison with The Young Men's Christian Association for the welfare of the congregation and the salvation of souls.

ART. III. Its Officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary, who shall be elected annually hereafter at the first regular meeting in January.

ART. IV. The members of this Society shall be ladies who may be proposed and elected at any of its regular business meetings.

ART. V. The regular meetings of this Society shall be held on the first Thursday evening of each month immediately after the congregational prayer-meeting. Special meetings may be held at any time at the call of the President.

ART. VI. Joint meetings of The Young Men's Christian Association and this Auxiliary shall be held upon the second Wednesday Evening of each month, at 7.30 P. M., for the transaction of all business which shall come before the Association.

ART. VII. The Pastor with the Presidents of the Christian Association and the Auxiliary shall be ex-officio members of each committee that shall be appointed.

ART. VIII. For effectiveness of labor on the part of this Society, The Town shall be districted according to the Wards with the exception of the Seventh and North Wards, which shall for the present constitute one district.

ART. IX. There shall be, in each of these six districts, a committee, consisting of a Chairman and assistants, who shall subdivide the territory assigned them.

ART. X. The Chairmen of these Committees shall be appointed by the Presidents of the Association and Auxiliary, and they, in conjunction with said chairmen, shall appoint their assistants.

ART. XI. The Chairman of the respective district committees shall render a verbal or written report at each regular business meeting of the Christian Association.

ART. XII. The duty of the ward committees shall be to visit the sick in their districts, notify the pastor of sickness in the congregation, and acquaint themselves as far as possible with all families not connected with any of the Churches.

ART. XIII. The regular dues of this Society shall be a voluntary contribution every month. Life Members may be admitted upon the payment of Five Dollars.

ART. XIV. At all regular business meetings of this Auxiliary Society seven persons shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of those present shall be sufficient to elect new members.

ART. XV. All alterations or amendments to these Articles must be presented in writing at a regular joint business meeting, to lie over one month and be decided by a two-thirds vote of those present.

afternoon eight others allied themselves with the Association, and Thirty-One of the ladies of the congregation agreed to form an Auxiliary Society. Thursday evening, January 17th, was at once appointed as the time of the organization of the latter, to labor *in the various wards of our city* in harmony with the design of the Association. God bless and prosper the work!

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The Secretary of the Church has come to the conclusion that it is very much more easy for some four hundred persons to write their names on their envelopes, while they are writing the amounts for General Fund and Missions on them, and before handing them in, than it is for the Secretary to write them. Just think of the work the writing of the envelopes entails on one person, writing over one thousand and two hundred names, four times a year, or nearly five thousand a year. Now this work can be done by the members and friends using the envelopes. The Secretary intends to send out the envelopes in March for the following three months, not written, and will expect every person using them to write his name on each envelope before handing them in. All persons will also please to write the amount for General Fund and Missions.

J. H. Helwig,
Secretary.

MISSIONARY JOURNAL.

We are awaiting with some interest the result of the labors of a committee appointed at our last Women's Missionary Society to secure subscribers for the Missionary Journal for 1889. They render their report on the evening of the 30th instant. Surely we all should try to keep ourselves informed as to the work of our Church in the salvation of souls; and surely there is no other source from which we can derive the same amount of knowledge at so little cost.

TOPICS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

Jan. 27. "A Song of Thanksgiving." Isaiah 12.
To be Supplied.
Feb. 3. "Called from Business," Matt. 4 : 1 8–22
H. P. Nagle.
" 10. "A Message." 1 John 1 : 5–10.
To be Supplied.
" 17. "King Saul's Overthrow." 1 Chron. 10
Rev. E. G. Hay.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD.

Resolved, 1. That among the general evidences of prosperity and thrift attending our church during the past year, we rejoice to note a large advance —amounting to more than 21 per cent. in the contributions for the benevolent work of the church.

Resolved, 2. That while thankful for this marked improvement, we would not forget the urgency of the call for yet greater things. The pressing need of more laborers abroad, the boundless opportunities in our Home Mission field, the cause of Education, now just beginning to claim its rightful share of the church's interest — these all demand cordial and liberal support.

Resolved, 3. That we would impress upon all our pastors, in view of the responsibility thus laid upon us, the importance of acquainting their people with the requirements of all these great causes, and especially the duty of frequently presenting to them the scriptural motives and methods of benevolence.

THANKS!

The beautiful new altar cloth used for the first time last Sunday morning, is the gift of Mrs. L. Marquardt whose attractive place of business is at 432 South Centre Street. She will please accept our hearty thanks for her thoughtful kindness.

The attendance in the Second Department last Sunday was larger than it has yet been. Keep it up and do still better!

Ladies of the Missionary Society where were you all last month? Come out in force at our next meeting, Jan. 30th. There is some good news for us.

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DECEMBER 16th, 1888.
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JANUARY 13th, 1889.
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SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD.

In studying the history of Mary and Martha, we learn that they both were dear to Jesus and they both loved him, but they were different. The eye of one saw his weariness and would give to him; the faith of the other apprehended his fullness, and would draw from him; Martha's service was acceptable to the Lord and was acknowledged by him, but he would not allow it to disturb Mary's communion. Mary knew his mind; she had deeper fellowship with him; her heart clung to himself. When the Master was in the house of Simon the leper, sitting at meat, she came with an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard, very precious, and she brake the box and poured it on his head.

I want to call attention specially to one clause of the Fourteenth chapter of Mark in which this act is recorded—"She hath done what she could." If some one had reported in Jerusalem that something was going to happen at Bethany on that memorable day, that should outlive the Roman Empire, and all the monarchs that had ever existed or that would exist, there would have been great excitement in the city. A good many people would have gone down to Bethany that day to see the thing that was going to happen, and that was to live so long. Little did Mary think that she was going to erect a monument which would out-

live empires and kingdoms. She never thought of herself. Love does not think of itself. What does Christ say: "Wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." This one story has already been put into three hundred and fifty different languages, and it is now in circulation in every nation under heaven. Day by day this story is being printed and published. One society in London alone prints, every working hour of the day, five hundred records of this act that took place at Bethany. It is being spread abroad in all the corners of the earth. It will be told out as long as the Church of God exists. Matthew speaks of it; so does John; and so does Mark. Men seek to erect some monument that will live after they are dead and gone. This woman never thought to erect a monument; she simply wanted to lavish her love upon Christ. But this act has lived and will continue to live while the Church is on earth. It is as fresh today as it was a hundred years ago: it is fresher than it was five hundred years ago. In fact there never was a time when it was so well known as today. Although Mary was herself unknown outside of Bethany when she performed the act, now it is known over all the world. Kings have come and gone; empires have risen and crumbled, Egypt, with its wise men and its mighty philosophers and its warriors, has passed away. We do not know the names of those who are buried in the Pyramids, or of those who were embalmed in Egypt, with so much care and trouble, but the record of this humble life continues to be an inspiration to others. Here is a woman whose memory has outlived Cæsar, Alexander, Cyrus, and all the great warriors of the ancient world. We do not know that she was wealthy, or beautiful, or gifted, or great in the eye of the world. What we *do* know is that she loved the Savior. She took this box of precious ointment and broke it over the body of Christ. Some one has said it was the only thing he ever received that he did not give away. It was a small thing in the sight of the world. If there had been daily papers in those days, and some Jerusalem reporter had been looking out for some items of news that would interest the inhabitants, I suppose he would not have thought it worth while putting it into his paper. Yet it has outlived all that happened in that century, except, of course, the sayings of Christ, and the other events connected with his life. Mary had Christ in her heart as well as in her creed. She loved him and she showed her love in acts.

"I may not do much with all my care,
But I surely may bless a few;
The loving Jesus will give to me,
Some work of love to do.

I may wipe the tears from some weeping eyes,
I may bring the smiles again
To a face that is weary and worn with care,
To a heart that is full of pain.

I may speak His name to the sorrowful,
As I journey by their side;
To the sinful and despairing ones
I may preach of the Crucified.

I may drop some little gentle word
In the midst of some scene of strife;
I may comfort the sick and the dying
With a thought of eternal life."

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LUTHERANISM.

"The Lutheran Church was first transplanted to America, by Lutherans from Holland in 1621, followed in 1637 by colonies from Sweden who settled on the Delaware nearly fifty years before the arrival of Penn, and subsequently by emigrants from Germany and other countries of Europe, which have steadily increased in numbers down to the present time. In 1820 there were one hundred and seventy ministers and 35,000 members of the Lutheran Church in this country. The number of her ministers has been doubled every ten years on average, and that of her members every fourteen years since that time, and her increase by emigration in recent years is estimated at 500 a day. This, with her native growth of more than sixty thousand members a year, make her increase more rapid than that of any Protestant denomination in America, among which she now ranks third in point of numbers. At present, she is represented in all her divisions by four general ecclesiastical bodies, namely, the General Synods North and South, the General Council, and the Synodical Conference. With fifteen independent synods, these form an aggregate of sixty synods, thirty-five hundred ministers, six thousand one hundred and seventy congregations, and about a million of communicants. She has seventeen theological seminaries and as many colleges, a large number of female seminaries, academies and parochial schools, together with orphan homes and other charitable institutions, and houses of publication. She has more than one hundred publications in the English, German, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian languages, ranging from theological reviews down to papers for children in Sunday schools."

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I gazed down life's dim labyrinth
A wildering maze to see,
Crossed o'er by many a tangled clew,
And wild as wild could be;
And as I gazed in doubt and dread,
An angel came to me.

I knew him for a heavenly guide,
I knew him even then,
Though meekly as a child he stood
Among the sons of men—
By his deep spirit loveliness,
I knew him even then.

And as I leaned my weary head
Upon his proffered breast,
And scanned the peril-haunted wild
From out my place of rest,
I wondered if the shining ones
Of Eden were more blest.

For there was light within my soul,
Light on my peaceful way,
And all around the blue above
The clustering starlight lay;
And easterly I saw upreared
The pearly gates of day.

So, hand in hand, we trod the wild,
My angel love and I—
His lifted wing all quivering
With tokens from the sky.
Strange my dull thought could not divine
'Twas lifted but to fly.

Again down life's dim labyrinth
I grope my way alone;
While wildly through the midnight sky
Black, hurrying clouds are blown,
And quickly in my tangled path
The sharp, bare thorns are sown.

Yet firm my foot, for well I know
The goal cannot be far;
And ever, through the rifted clouds,
Shines out one steady star—
For when my guide went up, he left
The pearly gates ajar.

OUR Y. M. C. A.

It is a gratification to more than our good Pastor to note the increased interest manifested by our people in Church work, and the impetus given by them to our Y. M. C. A., in its effort to broaden and extend its usefulness by the establishment of a "Ladies' Auxiliary," and a "Young Men's Reading Room." Both are equally necessary to the successful carrying out of the great work that all feel is before us; and time will soon demonstrate the wisdom of establishing both on a firm and lasting basis. While there may be those among us who think we are pushing ahead too fast, and assuming to much, let them withhold their condemnation aud criticism for a time, and we will illustrate to them that they are in error.

Remember, dear friends, that it is not the Christian who holds back, critisising or giving only a luke-warm support, that saves souls, but the one who pushes ahead, surmounting all obstacles. Such workers are ever crowned with success. It is earnestly hoped that all will give to this movement their moral support and financial aid. We want the warm affections and earnest prayers of each Christian heart, engaged for the success of this broad and comprehensive plan of saving souls. It is cause for rejoicing that the Ladies have taken hold so earnestly and are performing their duty so faithfully, and that our committees have gone out through the avenues and streets of our city, and planted their sentinels on the watch towers.

To do good—such is our mission. To comfort those who mourn, to rejoice with those who rejoice, to extend the hand of friendship to those who are living in sin, and point them the way to Christ. To visit the sick chamber, and the abode of sorrow and sin. To the poor, pale sufferer, who waits with heavy heart for morning light, and to whom God has appointed seasons of sadness, we will speak of a world where none will say, "I am sick," but where the flush of perpetual health will be on every cheek. To the poor widow, who sits weeping by the new-made grave, we will speak of the everlasting Husband in the skies, and bid her lean upon the arm of him who never dies. To the orphan, who has no home here, who knows not a mother's warm caress, and has never listened to a father's blessing, we will have something to say of the great Father, who never for a moment forsakes his children. The poor we will remind of the watchful Providence which feeds the raven and guides the sparrow. The rich we will point to the bright, beautiful, divine example of Him who "went about doing good." So Christ went—and so should go the warm affections of each Christian heart, and the sublime endeavors of each virtuous life. Men and Women may be angels if they will; for every holy deed, and every generous word, is angelic, and to the sinful, sad and weeping, the afflicted and broken-hearted, each benefactor is a ministering spirit, and each sincere word of sympathy is as an utterance divine. God is love, and the atmosphere of heaven is love; and why may not heavenly fires be kindled on earthly altars? If war, crime and lust make earth as dark as midnight, and barren as Sahara, why may not love, sympathy, and mercy make that same earth

bright and beautiful as paradise? Are they not all ministering spirits? Kind words, smiles of recognition, tears of sympathy, lessons of love, deeds of charity, all make it safer to live and easier to die.

We have re-organized this association on wise and humane principles, and add our effort as another drop in the mighty ocean of Christian progress; another star in the firmament of hope that spans the wretchedness of earth; another ray of light which looks in at the grated window of suffering, want and sin. If our united effort shall inspire the hearts of the sinful with this idea, if we shall echo the gentle teachings of Jesus, if we shall dry a tear on affliction's cheek or plant a flower on a stranger's grave, we will have done our work, accomplished our mission, and we have our reward. May God in his infinite mercy bless and prosper the undertaking.

W. K. P.

EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION.

Before the appearance of our March number, a series of meetings will have been begun under the leadership of Dr. L. W. Munhall, a celebrated evangelist. Having heard him on several occasions at Ocean Grove, his coming is anticipated by us with special interest. He always has something to say worth hearing, nor has he any hesitation about saying what needs to be said.

The pastors of five Churches of this place including our own, united several months ago in extending an invitation to the Doctor to visit our community, and the invitation was renewed several weeks ago by these, in connection with a number of laymen from their several congregations. One week later this same body met for regular organization. They elected the following officers and appointed the following committees:

OFFICERS:—Gen. J. K. Sigfried, President, Rev. E. G. Hay, Vice President, Rev. A. L. Loder and Mr. W. L. Owens, Secretaries.

COMMITTEES:

EXECUTIVE:—Revs. W. C. Webb, W. A. Leopold, E. G. Hay, A. L. Loder and A. Golden, with Messrs. P. W. Sheafer, Dr. F. W. Boyer, B. F. Geist, Geo. M. Rishel, Charles Strauch and W. B. Hall.

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ON VISITATION:—The pastors of the Churches in the Association.

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ON PLACES OF MEETING:—Messrs. James A. Medlar, O. P. Whitman, J. K. Sigfried, W. B. Hall and P. Strauch.

ON MUSIC:—Messrs. J. H. Super, Dr. T. W. Swalm, Dr. P. K. Filbert, W. L. Owens and R. H. Koch, Esq., the leaders, it will be observed, of the several choirs.

A courteous invitation was extended to all other Protestant Churches of the place to unite in this movement for the welfare of the community, and membership in the Association was proffered to any who might desire it, either from said congregations or those already interested.

Dr. Munhall, having accepted our invitation, expects to be with us early in March. The Academy of Music has been engaged for these services upon the afternoons and evenings of

the Sabbaths he may be with us. The week day afternoon and evening services will be held in our Churches, in such order as may hereafter be announced.

For reasons that are manifest to all engaged in *practical* work for the saving of souls, it has been decided to district the town and have committees of visitation in each district who shall perform the work assigned them one week before the coming of the evangelist. Their work will consist in the extension of an invitation to each family to attend the services contemplated. They will also endeavor to ascertain the Church membership of each individual or his preference among the Churches if unconnected with any. They will also note the number of children not in attendance at any Sabbath School.

The districts assigned our Church in this work are as follows:

Palo Alto. All East of Centre, from Union to Norwegian Street, and West of Jackson Street. All West of Centre, from Howard Avenue to Market Street and East of Tenth Street. All West of Centre, from Minersville to Harrison Street and East of Fifth Street. All West of Eleventh Street, from Market to Arch Street.

Brother W. K. Parker has been appointed by the Pastor to oversee this work—to secure the committees and to obtain thorough, systematic work from them when he gets them. We bespeak for him hearty and earnest co-operation upon the part of all whom he may select. Let us do our part of this work well. The territory assigned us is not larger proportionately than that assigned to the other congregations interested.

PROHIBITION.

It is sometimes mentioned, as an evidence of progress of temperence sentiment, that but a few years ago many of the ministry were accustomed to the use of strong drink. And we congratulate ourselves upon the change that has been effected. For today we are glad to say that the great mass of those in this holy office keep themselves pure from this sin. But alas there are dishonorable exceptions. We were pained to hear it stated that a certain minister when summoned recently to baptize an infant, drank six glasses of beer in the presence of the family before performing the holy rite. For ourselves, we do not think there was much holiness left in it. Isn't it about time that we have prohibition, if only to prevent such disgrace to the cause of Christ?

OUR HISTORY.

Of all the families represented in our congregation, there are now less than one hundred who are unsupplied with copies of our Church History. If each of these families should take one they would not only possess a volume of great interest to themselves and their children, but would together meet all the remaining cost of this publication. Price $1.00.

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TOPICS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

Feb. 24. "A Charge." 2 Timothy 4: 1–8. W. K. PARKER.

Mar. 3. "There is danger." 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–25. E. J. SKELLY.

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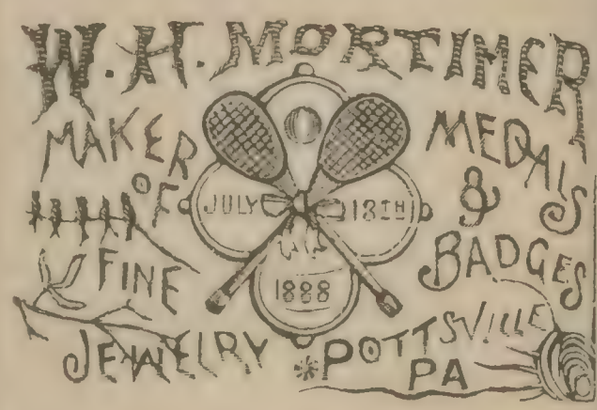

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TO THE WORK!

FAITH AND COURAGE.

The key note of all our work for God should be Faith. Unbelief is as much an enemy to the Christian as it is to the unconverted. It will keep back the blessing now as much as it did in the days of Christ. We read that in one place Christ could not do many mighty works because of their unbelief. If Christ could not do this, how can we expect to accomplish anything if the people of God are unbelieving? I contend that God's children are alone able to hinder God's work.

Infidels, Atheists and Sceptics cannot do it. Where there is union, strong faith, and expectation among Christians, a mighty work is always done. In "Hebrews" we read that without faith it is impossible to please God. "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek him." That is addressed to us who are Christians as much as to others. We want God to revive us, and also that the outlying masses may be reached. We read in this passage that God blesses those who "diligently seek him." Let us diligently seek him to day: let us have great faith: and let our expectations be from God. In the Eleventh Chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, the writer brings up one worthy after another, and each of

them was a man or woman of faith; they made the world better by living in it.

Listen to this description of what was accomplishd by these men and women of faith: "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouth of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were temped, were slain with the sword. Many of you have children who have gone far astray, and have been taken captive by strong drink, or led away by their lusts and passions; and you have become greatly discouraged about them. But if you have faith in God they may be raised up as ones from the dead, and brought back again. The wanderers may be reclaimed; the drunkards and the harlots may be reached and saved. There is no man or woman, however low he or she may have sunk, but can be reached. We ought in these days to have far more faith than Abel, or Enoch, or Abraham had. They lived away on the other side of the Cross. We talk about the faith of Elijah, and the Patriarchs and Prophets; but they lived in the dim light of the past, while we are in the full blaze of Calvary, and the Resurrection. When we look back and think of what Christ did, how He poured out His blood that men might be saved, we ought to go forth in His strength and conquer the world. Our God is able to do great and mighty things. You remember that the Roman Centurion sent for Christ to heal his servant. When the Saviour drew near, the Centurion sent to Him to say that He need not take the trouble to come into his house; all that was needed was that He should speak the word and his servant would live. Probably he thought that if Christ had the power to create worlds, to say "Let there be light," and there was light, to make the sea and earth bring forth abundantly, he could easily say the word and raise up his sick servant. We are told that when Christ received the Roman Soldier's message he marveled at his faith. Dear friends, let us have faith at this moment that God will do great things in our midst. Caleb and Joshua were men of faith. They were worth more to Israel than all the camp of unbelievers and the other ten spies put together. We read that Moses sent out twelve men to spy out the land. Let me say that faith never sends out any spies. You may perhaps reply that Moses was commanded by God to send them out; but we read that it was because of the hardness of their hearts. If they had believed in God, they would have taken possession of the land at Kadesh Barnea. I suppose these twelve men were chosen because they were leading men and influential men in the twelve tribes. After they had been gone some thirty days they came back with what we might call a minority and a majority report. All the twelve admitted that the land was a good land, but the ten said, "We are not

able to take it. We saw giants there —the sons of Anak." You can see these ten spies in camp the night they returned; great crowds are gathered around them listening to their reports. Probably there were very few gathered to hear Caleb and Joshua. It really seems sometimes that people are much more ready to believe a lie than to believe the truth. So these unbelieving men gathered around the ten spies. One of them is describing the giants in the land, and he says: "Why, I had to look right up in order to see their faces; they made the earth tremble at their tread. The mountains and valleys are full of them. Then we saw great walled cities. We are not able to take the land." But Caleb and Joshua had quite a different story to tell. Those mighty giants seemed to be as grass-hoppers in their sight. These men of faith remembered how God had delivered them out of the hand of Pharaoh and brought them through the Red Sea; how he had given them bread from heaven to eat, and water to drink from the rock in the wilderness. If he marched with them surely they could go right up and take possession of the land. So they said: "Let us go up at once and possess it; we are well able to take it." What do we see in the Church of God to day? About ten out of every twelve professed Christians are looking at the giants, at the walls, and at the difficulties in the way. They say: "We are not able to accomplish this work. We might do it if there were not so many drinking saloons, and so much drunkenness, and so many atheists and opposers." Let us not give heed to these unbelieving professors. If we have faith in God we are well able to go up and possess the land for Christ. God always delights to honor faith. It may be some sainted weak woman, some bed-ridden one who is not able to attend the meetings now in progress, who will bring down the blessing. In the day when every man's work is tested, it may be seen that some hidden one, who honered God by a simple faith, was the one who caused such a blessing to descend upon our cities as shall shake the land from end to end. Again, in these Bible histories we find that Faith is always followed by Courage. Caleb and Joshua were full of courage, because they were men of faith. If we are full of faith we shall not be full of fear, distrusting God all the while. That is the trouble with the Church of Christ to-day—there are so many who are fearful, because they do not believe that God is going to use them. There are some who never seem to do any thing but object, because the work is not carried on exactly according to their ideas. They will say: "I do not think that is the best way to do things." If any onward step is taken they are ready to throw cold water on it; they will suggest all kind of difficulties. We want to have such faith and courage as shall enable us to move forward without waiting for these timid unbelievers. In the Second Book of Chronicles we read that King Asa had to go right against his Father and Mother; it took a good deal of courage to do that. He removed his mother from being Queen, and cut down the idols and burnt them. I have never seen people go out into the lanes and alleys, into the hedges and highway and try to bring the people in, but the Lord gave his

blessing. If a man has the courage to go right to his neighbor and speak to him about his soul, God is sure to smile upon the effort. You notice when God was about to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Midianites, how he taught this lesson to Gideon. Gideon had gathered around him an army of thirty-two thousand men. He may probably have counted them, and when he knew that the Midianites had an army of a hundred and thirty-five thousand he said to himself: "My army is too small; I am afraid I shall not succeed." But the Lord's thoughts were different. He said to Gideon: "You have too many men." So he told him that all those among the thirty-two thousand who were fearful and afraid might go back to their own homes, to their wives and mothers; let them step to the rear. No sooner had Gideon given this command than twenty two thousand men wheeled out of line. The Lord said: "Gideon, you have too many men yet. Take your men down to the brook and try them once more. All those who take the water up in their hands and drink as they pass by can stay; those who stoop down can go back." Again he gave the order, and nine thousand seven hundred wheeled out of line and went to the rear, so that Gideon was left with three hundred men. But this handful of men whose hearts beat true to the God of heaven, and who were ready to go forward in his name, were worth more than all the others who were all the time sowing seeds of discontent and predicting defeat. If you cannot engage in any active work yourselves you can do a good deal by cheering others on. Some people not only do nothing, but they are all the time throwing discouragement on others, in every forward step they take. If you meet with them they seem to chill you through and through. I think I would as soon face the whirlpool of Niagara Falls as come in contact with some of these so called Christians. So when our strength fails and our hearts sink within us, the Captain of our salvation cries: "Lo I am with you alway, even to the end of the world, I will never leave or forsake thee. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

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According to a careful estimate of Dr. Pearson, one of the editors of *The Missionary Review of the World*, one-half of these four hundred and sixty millions are merely nominal christians, being "nothingarians."

Protestantism has a following of one hundred and sixteen millions.

Thirty millions is a liberal estimate of the actual membership of the Protestant Church.

A large number of these are either indifferent or opposed to an aggressive propagation of the Christian faith in foreign parts.

Less than six millions of the Protestant Church contribute to the sup-

port of Foreign Missions. Six millions make but a forlorn hope when compared to the fifteen hundred millions of mankind — but forlorn hopes have captured batteries, and planted flags upon the crests of strong fortifications. They are more than the seven thousand whose lips did not kiss and whose knees did not bow — to Baal. It is a reflection full of good cheer that they may be reckoned by millions who are very jealous for the Lord God of hosts.

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Above all they have the blessing and approval, in some measure, of Heaven's Missionary to a fallen world. —*Theological Monthly.*

ENVELOPES AND PLEDGE CARDS.

Envelopes for the approaching quarter — the months of April, May and June — are now in the hands of the Officers of the Church for distribution. Together with them are Pledge-cards for the coming year. We want these filled out and returned by each member, with his April envelope, the first Sunday morning in April.

There is an important change in the *reading* of these. Former cards only indicated, when filled out, what you proposed, reader, to give to the General Fund. These, if properly filled, *as we desire them to be*, will also show what you propose to give per month for Missions.

Let us have both pledges, without fail, upon this one card, with your April envelope.

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Miss Mary Emma Adcock,
MARCH 8th, 1889.
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Mrs. Kate Goodley.

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EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION.

For the sake of readers out of town and also with a view to properly continue in these pages the History of our Church, we take note here of recent events in a movement with which we are identified and which we have already in our last issue partially described.

Dr. L. W. Munhall, in expectation of whose coming the Evangelistic Association was organized, arrived on Wednesday Evening, March 6th. Our Church, which had been proffered the Association for use in the opening services of this movement was already filled to overflowing. The Doctor laid broad and deep the foundations of the work which he hoped, under God, to accomplish among us, basing all his expectations upon the inspired character and omipotent power of the divine Word.

On Thursday and Friday evenings every available nook and corner of the Church and adjoining New Building was eagerly occupied and hundreds were unable to gain admittance. On the former evening the Doctor based his remarks upon James 1 : 22, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves;" on the latter evening, upon Zachariah 4 : 6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts." There were no Saturday services.

On Thursday and Friday Afternoons Bible-Readings were given at 3.30 in the Second Presbyterian Church. Assurance was the subject on both occasions. On Thursday Faith was emphasized as the essential thing in our Salvation. We may

know that we have eternal life, for in 1 John 4 : 13 it is said, "These things have I written unto you that *believe on the name of the Son of God*, that *ye may know* that ye have eternal life."

On Friday afternoon, corroborative evidences were considered, namely, Love to God and Obedience to Christ, involving a public acknowledgment of our new relation to him and love to the brethren. Mark 12 : 31. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." John 15 : 10. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Rom. 10 : 9. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." 1 John 3 : 14. "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."

THE LOCAL NEWS

Of Huntingdon recently contained the following:

"Dewitt C. Brumbaugh was drowned in the canal near the Union depot at this place, about 10 o'clock Thursday night. He was found shortly after he fell in, with his head under the water and his feet on the bank. There was a deep gash one inch long cut in his right temple. The embankment is steep at that place, and it is supposed that while intoxicated he stumbled down the bank and cut his his temple as he fell through the ice in the canal, which made him unconscious. His body was taken to his home. Deceased was aged about 40 years, and leaves a wife and four children."

We were deeply pained by the intelligence contained in the above, as the wife of the deceased was for a long time organist of the Lutheran Church of Huntingdon, to which we once ministered, and her excellent and aged mother one of its oldest and most faithful members.

The last issue of the same paper states :

"The coroner's jury who investigated the cause of the death of Dewitt C. Brumbaugh, who was found dead in the canal near the Union depot on Thursday night a week, returned a verdict on Friday evening last as follows: 'Dewitt C. Brumbaugh came to his death accidentally by drowning while in a state of intoxication, and that the parties who furnished him the liquor are responsible for his death.' This verdict says virtually that the persons who gave the deceased liquor, whether alcohol, whiskey, or any other form of liquor, are his murderers. Where does the responsibility for his death begin? Does it begin and end with the person who furnished him the liquor on that fatal night, or does it go back of that to the seller and manufacturer? Or does it begin with the State that permits the manufacture and sale of liquor? These are questions that voters should consider, especially at this time, when they are about to vote to abolish the traffic in liquor as a beverage in the State. Can you vote to continue the traffic?"

Let me add, reader, that if you do, a measure of responsibility for every such occurrence will rest *upon you* — nor can you ever stand at the judgment bar of God free from the blood of all men.

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VISIT OF DR. SCHOLL.

What a stirring and unanswerable appeal was that of this good brother, both to our Sabbath-School and Church upon the 17th of last month in behalf of Foreign Missions. Thank God for fuller light! The Lord help us to bear aright the added responsibility!

THE FIRST OF APRIL

Is fast approaching. Let all now in arrears in their subscription to the General Fund make prompt payment, and remember also that if put on the collection plate as is customary this can only be done at the *morning services*, as we worship temporarily elsewhere at night.

Rev. Titus A. Hess, of Perkasie, and Rev. J. H. Shirey, of Reading, members of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association, preached very earnestly and acceptably to our people on the morning and evening of the first Sunday of this month. The Conference convened in the Evangelical Church of this place, Rev. W. A. Leopold, pastor, and it is evidently a body of zealous and faithful workers for Christ.

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EASTER.

Once more the Easter season, with ...s sweet solemnities, approaches. ...nce more we hope, by the grace of ...od, to surround the table of our Lord ...nd memorialize the love that has re...eemed and saved us. Once more we ...xpect to reach out the hand of Christ...an fellowship to numbers of such ...s the Lord has disposed to enter ...ur household of faith. And again ...e shall hear, let us hope, the ringing ...nthems of our happy Sunday School, ...lling the sanctuary with pulsations ...joy.

It will be a day of rejoicing for the ...astor, who realizes that his ofttimes ...earisome labors are not in vain; ...n occasion of happiness to all warm-hearted followers of Jesus, and especially to those who labor most directly in the sowing of the word that thus rises unto harvest; a scene over which the radiant forms of unseen angel hosts shall hover, and the currents of whose influence shall widen and deepen to eternity. A welcome to the dawning of the day!

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead — Christ the first fruits, afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming. O Death where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?

EASTER OFFERING.

One of the privileges of Easter Sunday, and appreciated by all who realize that giving is a part of worship, has been an Easter Offering. The amount thus received has hitherto been devoted to Missions, this being one of the four special collections of the year toward this object.

Through the adoption of a new system, by which we now contribute *monthly* to Missions, it has come to pass that our April gifts in that direction have already been received.

But we can have an Easter Offering at all events, and devote it, where it will now be most welcome, to the General Fund. As recently stated, this has been somewhat overtaxed by certain special requirements in connection with our New Building and a special offering by Church and Sunday-School on Easter Sabbath will be most opportune.

An envelope for this purpose will be given to each one of the congregation who desire it on this (Palm Sunday) in which to place his offering and upon which to write his name. These envelopes will be returned upon Easter Morning, being received with the general collection on that occasion.

The Sabbath-School also will be supplied with envelopes and give their offering at the evening Service of Song.

THERE will be no Young People's Meeting on Easter-Sunday Evening. The School will meet at an early hour in the Lecture Room in order to be ready to appear in a body at 7.30 in the main audience chamber to render their Easter Service of Song.

APRIL REPORT.

This customary and lengthy item of interest is lacking in the present issue, but not without sufficient cause. At a recent meeting of Council, it was determined to publish no Financial Report this year until July. This will be a nine months' report instead of one for six months, but the intention is to publish one, as usual, semi-annually hereafter. The object of the change is to have reports henceforth to the First of each January and July, rather than to the First of April and of October. How the First of April became considered the beginning of our Financial year now matters not. Hereafter we shall estimate our income and expenditure from the First of January, giving a semi-annual published statement in July and an annual exhibit six months later.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Our annual district Sabbath-School Convention will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of this month in the St. John's Lutheran Church of Pinegrove, Rev. E. S. Henry, pastor. Our School is entitled to a delegation of five, besides the Superintendent and Pastor. The delegates elect are Miss Emma DeFrehn, Miss Mollie Sterner, Mr. E. J. Skelly, Mr. S. M. Enterline and Mr. G. M. Rishel or his wife. We have been entertained most hospitably at Pinegrove before, and look forward to a pleasant visit and profitable and lively discussions.

DO NOT forget to deposit your Communion Cards upon the plates on Easter morning.

DR. MUNHALL.

The earnest efforts of this laborious evangelist in our community have ceased, but not so the influences for good which he has set in motion. In some form or other we have been made aware of the presence of these every day since his departure. As was to be expected, his bold denunciations of prevalent evils evoked the cordial displeasure of certain parties who had laid themselves open to rebuke. But this is neither discreditable to him or distressing to those through whose invitation he came among us.

That those who considered themselves greatly benefitted by his ministrations made quite a liberal offering of gratitude to him before his departure is no ground for reasonable complaint upon the part of others, especially of such as never complain of the thousands of dollars spent at the bars or reaped at the breweries.

The Lord bless this earnest laborer in the cause of Christ and give him abundant success!

CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

One of the most modest of all our organizations that calls for an occasional share of our attention, but withal one of the most worthy, is that which was organized November 27th, 1887, under the title of Christian Workers. It has gradually reached a membership of sixty. We were just about to tell our readers what they have been doing, but prefer they should come and see for themselves. An entertainment will be given by them on Friday Evening after Easter in the Lecture Room of the Church. No admission will be charged, but those who attend will be privileged, as they retire from the room, to make a contribution to the treasury of the Society. Its membership is composed largely of little girls from five to fifteen years of age who, under the wise leadership of a few of our Sabbath-School Teachers, are being trained in the knowledge of God's Word, and strengthened in their love to the Savior and his Church. It is sowing that will yield a rich harvest to the glory of God, nor can any of us do a better thing than encourage their hearts by an attendance upon the entertainment to which they invite us, which will of course be in perfect keeping with the place in which we will assemble.

FILL out your pledge card, both for General Fund and Missions. Otherwise you put the Secretary to no end of perplexity. We learn that not all have responded to this request, although repeatedly made from the pulpit. The card was sent you with your envelopes for the quarter, and you should have stated upon it what you proposed, the Lord helping you, to give monthly during the current year toward the General Fund and for Missions. And you should have deposited it, as requested, together with your contribution for April, upon the collection plate last Sabbath. Put it upon the plate at service at your earliest convenience.

PREPARATORY SERVICES on Thursday Evening, April 18th at half-past seven o'clock. Come if you can, but if not, do not absent yourselves from the Lord's Table.

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DO DEPARTED SPIRITS RETURN TO EARTH?

A few days ago a friend sent me an eastern paper, the "Recorder," to read a letter from J. J. Roberts. In turning over the paper, my attention was arrested by an article, the caption of which was "Do departed Spirits Return to Earth?" This being a subject always interesting to me, I read it eagerly, hoping it would confirm my long-cherished belief, that spirits do return to earth.

In this I was disappointed. Passages of Scripture were quoted, upon which the impossibility of the thing was predicted. What then are we to think of Elisha, who prayed that the eyes of his servants might be opened to see the multitude of angels surrounding him? or of this, (Psalms xci. ii:) "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways?"

Here we have the promise that angels shall guard us, protect us, and keep us in all our ways. Again, (Psalms xxxiv: 9) "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." In this we have the blessed assurance that they will not only visit us occasionally, but encamp round about us. They not only have a charge to keep us in all our ways, but to deliver us, yea, deliver us from evil, from the besetments of sin, from the temptations of the devil. And again, (Heb. 1: 14.) "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation!" Here we read that angels are sent forth by our heavenly Father to minister to our wants. They are, doubtless, sent to cheer us in the pilgrimage of life, to

ttend us through all its vicissitudes, o hover around our bedside in the our of death, and waft our sinless pirits to the paradise of God.

The Bible being true, the ministra- on of angels is no ideal picture; it s a delightful reality, the truth of hich is unquestionable. The belief, owever, that spirits, redeemed by the lood of Christ, return to earth, has een held by individuals through the ng successive ages of time, and is ill entertained by many highly in- llectual Christians. By some it has een regarded as a vague sentimental- m of the Bible, uncertain and intan- ible; by others, a beautiful and lessed truth. And as the belief ex- ting in the heart cannot be produc- ve of evil, why not retain it? Why ot cherish it? If not as a reality, if ot in accordance with sound philoso- hy, then keep it as a beautiful dream, pure and lovely ideality, and in our ber, sad, and reflective moments, we n retire within the private sanctum our own hearts, shield ourselves om the outer world by the drapery this beautiful belief, and there hold mmunion with the "Millions of piritual creatures who walk the rth unseen." I have sometimes ondered if there could be some inter- ediate state of passive happiness for e righteous after death, where, be- re the judgement and their final en- ance into heaven, they might feel an xious, tearful solicitude for the spir- ual safety of their friends. Our ental preception must necessarily be distinct and uncertain. We cannot me to a conclusion upon this subject y the ordinary method of arriving at uth. But the rich man desired that me one might be sent to warn his five brethren; and why may not the spirits of the righteous dead just as earnestly desire the happiness of those they love? And may they not even revisit their former abodes, and the scenes where pain and pleasure, sunshine and gloom, mingled together in the golden cup of changing life.

This belief stimulates us to possess ourselves with a more intimate acquaintance of the spiritual world; it leads us to serious reflection concerning the character and occupation of its angelic inhabitants, concerning the nature of that life which clothes them in spotless purity. There no physical barrier, no dim mental vision intervenes to cloud our vivid perception of truth, our intellectual nature has reached its culminating point, our moral and religious nature, refined, elevated, and pure, is fully identified with holiness.

When we mournfully contrast this state of being with our present sinful condition, we are seized with an earnest, longing desire to enrich our minds with truth and religious knowledge, so that we may be better and more fully enabled to enter into the joys that are in reservation for the Christian. How pleasant it is to think of those dear friends, from whom we have been separated by death, as spiritual beings — heavenly messengers, and near us still, as shedding the light of their love about our pathway, and as aiding our efforts to attain a higher tone of Christian character! What a powerful incentive to virtue, to purity of thought and speech, when we feel they are acquainted with the intents of our minds, the secret emotions of our hearts! How beautiful the thought that in the retirement of

our chamber, when kneeling in the presence of almighty God, having our hearts bowed in prayer, saints and angels are about us; and when we go forth into the world, that they are still shielding our bosoms from temptations, with the wings of their love! In the language of Miss Landon, "O, it is a beautiful, a blessed thought, that the beloved dead, still watch around the dear ones left behind, and that my prayers are welcome to my mothers ears, as when I knelt, a lisping child at her knee, and that her pure and holy spirit now doth intercede at the eternal throne, and this religion by its truth and love, unites us still — the mother and her child."

Perhaps, dear reader, you have never lost a cherished friend, perhaps you have never felt the many chords that bound your heart to earth were breaking, one by one, and seen each year that rolls away pluck from the casket that contains your heart a jewel; perhaps you have never watched, day after day and night after night, with the most painful solicitude, around the bedside of one with whose life your whole being was closely interwoven; perhaps you have never felt the flesh you loved and idolized growing cold in death, and pressed your hand in vain to the lifeless pulse, and seen the bright eyes grow brighter, resting upon the vision of immortal glory now opening around them; perhaps you have never heard from lips, cold with the chill of death, these precious words, "I will be your guardian angel." If you have not, I have, and this is the reason I cling to this beautiful belief so fondly. W. R. P.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Miss Kate Faus, Mr. L. S. Boner,
Rev. W. W. Anstadt.

EASTER BELLS.

This is the title of a service which will be rendered by our Sabbath-School on Easter Evening. We need not specially request the attendance of our own people, nor yet inform the general public that the exercises of the hour will be enjoyable to all who come. There has been but one verdict concerning all special services by our Sabbath-School in the past, and of such a character as to be most gratifying to the heart of a pastor and his tireless co-laborers. The service to be rendered this year consists of carols, readings and recitations as arranged by J. M. Fillmore.

An Easter Offering will be received from the School.

A cordial welcome to all!

THE ENGLISH LUTHERAN

Is the only Church Paper published in Pottsville that has appeared regularly every month from the time of its origin in December, 1886. One of the others although bearing the title of "Monthly" failed, by its own confession, to appear on more than seven occasions during the past year. We are glad that we have been able thus far to live up to our promises in this respect and hope to do so in the future.

TOPICS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS

April	14,	"A Powerful Witness." Daniel 10; 22: 13; 26: 27-28.	G. C. Welke
"	28.	"Darkness versus Light." St. John 3: 14-21.	J. H. Helwig
May	5.	"Following Christ." Mark 8: 34-9: 1.	H. S. Sterner
"	12.	"The Temptation." Matthew 1-11.	Rev. E. G. Ha
"	19.	"The Prodigal Son." St. Luke 11-32.	O. P. Witma

HOW WILL YOU VOTE?

"It is said that a prohibitory law interferes with personal liberty. So does every law. The very fact of our existing in human society necessitates an abridgement of personal liberty. When Robinson Crusoe was alone upon his island, his personal liberty was unrestrained. He could do exactly as he pleased; he could fire off his guns in any direction; he could burn over the whole island every day if he chose; and he was literally unrestrained except by laws of nature. But the moment the island became inhabited by any one beside himself, from that moment his personal liberty was restricted. Prohibition deprives a man of the liberty to make a brute of his neighbor, to transform his neighbor's home into a hell, to multiply paupers and criminals and insane. A restrictive law, a high license law, interferes with personal liberty as truly as does a prohibitory law. The law which prevents a man from selling diseased meat interferes with his personal liberty; so does the law which prevents a man from selling, without descrimination, opium, strychnine, or arsenic to everybody who applies for it. The same of the sale of gunpowder, dynamite, and the like. The very existence of society involves the right to interfere with the personal liberty of the individual when that personal liberty is liable to be used for the injury of the whole community."

THE Devotional Meetings of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be held at three o'clock upon the afternoons of Wednesday the 16th and Wednesday the 30th of April.

WE hope our readers all know how to read a paper right — that is from the first word to the last. There is'nt a letter on any page that we could spare when it is being printed, with exception of course of those in words misspelled by the writer or type-setter. And if you want to know where to buy the best things at the best prices you will never fail to read all that our advertisers have to say. Read up what they say, and look up what they have for sale.

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THE Women's Missionary Society will meet on the evening of April 24. As no meeting was held last month, owing to special services in progress at the time, there should be a double attendance and contribution this month.

After all the special local assemblies of the winter we are on the eve of several of a more general character which are to convene at other places, but in which we must have adequate representation. After our School's special Services on Easter its delegates must hie them away to the convention at Pinegrove, and scarcely shall the Pastor have become settled upon his return ere the Lebanon Conference will look for him and his delegate at Brickerville, Pa. Verily this is an age of assemblies.

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THERE are rumors in the air of an approaching Anniversary of the Literary Society. The last one was quite enjoyable and toothsome.

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RELIGION IN THE HOME.

Every day brings to public notice some new prescription for the evils that are, and for those that are impending in the future. The vices of the times are justly the cause of alarm, and when the public and legally appointed means of restraint and reform are apparently ineffectual, it is not without cause that the anxious Christian patriot asks if nothing more can be done. If, indeed, the ordinary means of grace are not as efficient in converting sinners as they have been in previous years; if our youth are growing up in habits that would have shocked the parents of a past generation, while we view them with comparative unconcern, then it is our duty to look closely for the causes of this degeneracy, and apply a remedy if one can be found. It is confessed, we believe, on all hands, that a change has gradually come over the households of our land, in respect to the maintenance of the family discipline and religion. Here and there are, doubtless, to be seen exceptions—families where the habits of former days are preserved with great strictness and the children are taught to reverence the ways of their ancestors.

Probably these exceptions are more numerous in the rural districts of New England than elsewhere. But even in the most religious portions of our land there is every reason to believe that a mighty change has come

over the households, and the good old way of ordering one's family in the fear of the Lord has ceased to be as common as it was fifty years ago. We would say a few words with the faint hope of rousing the attention of the heads of families to the importance of restoring some of those neglected customs, and of making the subject of religion, more than it is now, a household concern. It has intimate relations to the civil government. In the prevailing disregard of human authority, the increased and habitual irreverence for law, that marks the times on which we have fallen, we discover one of the most obvious and natural results of the absence of domestic religious influence. It is trnly said that a bad son cannot be a good citizen, and the way to make good sons is to give them right training at home. The public means of grace are of inestimable value; the power of good books is incalculable; the example of great and good men is mighty in its power on the young, but one and all are not equal to the gentle influences of the domestic circle in forming the character for this and the next world. And if we were now to point towards the most important agencies, to make the coming generation more mindful of its obligation to human and divine law, more patriotic and conservative in its devotion to our free institutions, we would not point to the pulpit or the press, but to the parental influences which might be exerted in all the Christian homes of our country, as the means on which under God, we would the most hopefully rely. The subject, also, has intimate relations to the temporal success in life of the young. Early religious training is the best safeguard for after life. If industry and integrity, with common sense, are the best securities of success in business, the basis of both must be laid in the culture of the child while yet under the parental roof. Here habits and principles are formed; not by the formal precepts of a lecture, but by the daily and hourly intercourse of parents with children; by those lines upon lines and precepts upon precepts, which are dropped almost unconsciously, but produce their effect, and like seed long buried in the dust, bring forth fruit after many days. These lessons, with an example consistent, and given with that love which knows no change, and followed with prayers which take hold on heaven, will make an ineffaceable impression on the heart.

They are the last influences through which a youth will break.

They will save him to society and his friends and himself, when he has forgotten all the formal exhortations to virtue that he ever heard. W. K. P.

EASTER BELLS.

Our Service of Song upon Easter Evening was a complete success in every particular, the music being unusually beautiful. From our observatory upon the pulpit we beheld the faces of many in the audience beaming with smiles of supreme satisfaction.

Misses Statia Kepner, Bessie Hollenbach, Katie Cooper, Carrie Rath, Lulu Esterly, Florence Kershner, Mamie Pflueger, Stella Deisher, and Jennie Conrad, who entertained the audience with recitations appropriate to the occasion, acquitted themselves most creditably and have the thanks of us all.

Report of Superintendents at the Sabbath-School Convention of the Schuylkill District of the Lebanon Conference of the East Pennsylvania Synod, held in the Lutheran Church of Pinegrove, Pa., April 22nd and 23rd, 1889.

ANNUAL

Sabbath-School

REPORTS.

	Officers and Teachers on Roll.	Scholars on Roll.	Total on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Regular Contributions.	Special Collections.	Total Contributions.	Number of Teachers who are Members of the Church.	Number of Scholars who are Members of the Church.	Number of Scholars who joined the Church during the year.	Number of Delegates.	Number of Delegates present.	LESSON HELPS.
Pottsville,	45	548	593	390	$ 385 28	$ 76 56	$ 461 84	39	185	75	7	7	Augsburg.
Ashland, St. James,	28	265	293	215	163 00	281 50	444 50	22	65	16	4	3	Augsburg.
Ashland, Zion's,	30	225	255	200	91 02	85 43	176 45				5	3	Severinghouse.
Pine Grove, St. John's,	29	224	253	190	355 00		355 00	24	60	18	12	8	Augsburg.
Sch. Haven, St. Matthews	25	225	250	175	216 24	135 45	351 68	21	80	11	7	5	Augsburg.
Mahanoy City, St. John's	30	250	280	184	216 10		216 10	25	95	20	7	2	Augsburg.
Tremont,	25	140	165	135	115 83	21 43	137 26	24	60	14	9	6	Augsburg.
Minersville,	17	90	107	70	73 03	7 80	80 83	13	45	18	2	1	Augsburg.
Port Carbon,	16	100	109	70	45 46	8 00	53 46	9	22	6	7	5	Augsburg Junior.
*Shenandoah,													
* Gordon,													
Total,	245	2067	2305	1629	$1660 96	$ 616 17	$2277 12	177	612	178	60	40	

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Young People's Meeting at 6.30 P.M.

Evening Service at 7.30.

Teachers' meeting, conducted by the Superintendent, on Tuesday evening at 7.45.

Prayer meeting, conducted by the Pastor, on Thursday evening at 7.30

Women's Missionary Meeting the last Wednesday of each month.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the Second Sabbath of each Quarter.

Preparatory Services in connection with the Prayer Meeting service the Thursday evening preceding Communion

STATED OFFERINGS.

Envelope collection for Pastor's Salary and Current Expenses and Missions the First Sabbath in each month.

Basket collections at every service.

Special Basket Collection the Last Sabbath of each month.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary is doing excellent work in its visitation of the sick. Are you a member, sister?

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LITERARY SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME FOR MAY 18th.

Song, ... By Society.
Recitation, ... I. H. Severn.
Reading, . . . Miss Tillie Fredericks.
Music, ... Miss Minnie Heller.
Declamation, . Wm. H. Rosengarten.
Reading, . . . Miss Hannah Marsh.

TWO WAYS OF LIVING.

It has been often and truthfully said that it takes all kinds of people to make a world. There seems to be infinite variety in the habits and tastes and employments of men. But they may all be grouped, nevertheless, into two great classes as concerns their governing principles They are either selfish or unselfish, thoughtful first of themselves and their own, or mindful of the needs and requirements of others.

And nowhere do these different characteristics of individuals display their presence more clearly than in the attitude assumed toward other members in the same household of faith. Do you want to answer aright the question, Am I selfish or unselfish? Then ask yourself another, How do I treat other members of my own Church? Am I kind and polite to them when I meet them, and to all of them alike? Do I show this interest in them in Church, and when thrown into closest contact with them in retiring from the service. Or am I so wrapped up in my own plans and purposes that I fail to notice many of them upon the street, so centered in self that I have no kindly attention to bestow upon them during services, and so anxious to reach my own home again when the formal services are over that I have no time for the informality of an interchange of smiles and the proffer of a friendly hand?

And then—the new members, how are you conducting yourself toward them. The address of each one is given in this issue of the English Lutheran. Do you know why? That you may make use of it. *You* reader and member of the Church—not your neighbor, *You*. That instead of selfishly sitting in your own home *all* the time (and much of the time you are needed there) you may rouse yourself, go forth and call upon these friends, causing them thus to feel at once more fully at home among us. Do not wait for some one else to do this, do it yourself. Do not wait until housecleaning is over—housecleaning lasts pretty nearly all the year round with the kind of people who seldom go out. Go yourself, and go now. Dont wait until these friends conclude that the congregation is stiff and formal and then start out to disprove it. Go at once, and visit every one and let their first and correct and lasting impression be that we are the kindest, most cordial and sympathetic people they have ever had the pleasure of meeting.

And above all remember, in all your relations with your fellowmen, that the life of unselfishness is ever the life of greatest happiness. There is a kind of pleasure, it must be admitted, in living unto one's self, but an infinitely greater delight in mingling everywhere with our fellowmen and trying to do them good.

CONFERENCE.

On Monday the 13th instant, the Lebanon Conference meets in the St. John's Lutheran Church, Brickerville, Pa. The Council of our Church has elected brother George Rishel, Senior, as Delegate to accompany the Pastor. A good selection. The opening session of Conference will be on Monday at 3 P. M. and adjournment will take place at 10.45 A. M. on Wednesday 15th. We can return the same day.

EASTER ADMISSIONS.

We cannot be too thankful to God for his goodness in disposing the hearts of so many to walk with us in the way of salvation. Seventy-Nine persons uniting with the Church at one time is a scene that never occurred before within the walls of our Zion. But it has been approximated before. In 1871, Rev. McAtee received Sixty-Four, in 1881 we received Sixty-Nine and last Whitsuntide the number admitted in that Synodical year was singularly enough exactly Seventy-Nine. The total admissions under the present pastorate have been Four-Hundred and Ninety-Eight and our present membership is 520.

The Lord watch over those who have removed, in this interval, into other communities, and render faithful in all things the great mass of them who still remain !

Since we last spoke to our readers in these pages, we have passed another milestone in the pilgrimage of life. If spared to minister to this congregation through still other years, we can only wish for ourself that they may be as busy and as happy ones as those that have so rapidly passed by. And we would not say this if we did not mean it. Whatever may be our relations to the congregation in the future, we take great pleasure in recording here the fact of great harmony and ready co-operation in the past.

Will the few friends whose subscriptions toward the New Building are still unpaid, kindly attend to the matter without further delay. Hand the money to brother Edward Fox, the Treasurer, or any of the other officers

Every true Christian loves the soul of every saloon-keeper, and in voting for Prohibition votes to do him good. It is kindness to endeavor to keep back every man from doing himself harm. The would-be suicide will probably not thank you for striking from his hand the loaded pistol he has pointed at his own forehead. But you save him from eternal ruin nevertheless. Every one who deals out intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, is ruining his own life, destroying his own soul. As you love all men for whom Christ died do what lieth in your power to save these would-be moral suicides from their own self-destroying hands.

There are loud whispers in the air of certain important improvements to our Church property in the near future that are delightful to the heart. With any sacrifice that they may require God will be well pleased.

Rev. G. M. Brown, we learn, is do excellent work at Minersville and Tremont. His Easter Accessions were large at both places.

We *thought* the people would take pleasure in bringing an Easter Offering, and are glad we gave them opportunity, They responded with nearly Seventy-Five Dollars.

There is a new voice in the family-circle in the Lutheran Parsonage at Schuylkill Haven. It has been practicing for several weeks.

Hand in promptly to the Secretary, or place upon the collection plates, your Pledge Cards for the year. Make a definite pledge thereon both for the General Fund and Missions.

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SPECIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Mite Society.

Meetings the First Wednesday Evening of each month in Church parlor

President, Mrs. A. B. Cochran.

Sec'y and Treas., Mrs. Edward Fox.

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Mrs. L. K. Beyerle,	Mrs. L. Laubenstine,
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Mrs. Joseph DeFrehn,	Mrs. M. Reed,
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Mrs. E. Britton,	Mrs. A. Risheill,
Mrs. J. A. Gilger,	Mrs. E. J. Skelly,
Mrs. T. Geier,	Mrs. Val Stichter,
Mrs. H. Hart,	Mrs. Joseph Summons,
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Mrs. Hannah Heffner,	Mrs. W. R. Williams,
Mrs. J. Hoffman,	Mrs. David Williams,
Mrs. N. Kemp,	Mrs. Martha Wolfinger.

Church Choir.

Meetings for practice every Friday Evening at 7.30.

Leader — Dr. P. K. Filbert.

Organist, - Mrs. G. M. Rishel.

OTHER MEMBERS.

Mr. L. K. Beyerle,	Mrs. H. H. Hill,
Mr. J. W. Bock,	Miss Laura Moser,
Mr. C. T. Brown,	Mrs. Frank Roehrig,
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Miss Elsie Geier,	Mr. Chas. Wright.

Women's Missionary Society.

Organized December 1, 1886

Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

President, Miss Katie Dentzer

Vice President, Mrs. Thomas Geier.

Cor. Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Hay.

Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Edward Fox.

Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Hill.

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Mrs. L. F. Heller,	Mrs. W. R. Williams,
Miss Agnes Johnson,	Mrs. Martha Wolfinger.

HONORARY MEMBERS—E. J. Skelly, E. G. Hay.

Children's Missionary Society.

Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meeting the Sabbath nearest the Thirty-first of October.

Literary Society.

Organized April 28, 1886.

Meets twice a month. Dues Ten Cents a month. Other obligations: —To meet all appointments or submit to a fine for the benefit of the Treasury.

President,	Dr. C. D. Miller.
V. President,	Katie Kaiser.
Secretary,	Howard P. Nagle.
Treasurer,	Elsie Geier.

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Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized December 15, 1886.

Meetings on the Second and Third Wednesday of each month. Regular dues, Ten Cents a month.

President,	Miss C. Schrader.
Vice President.	Mrs. Edward Green.
Secretary,	Mrs. A. L. Phillips.
Treasurer,	Miss L. Schrader.

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Miss Nellie Hill	Mrs. G. A. Transue.
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Mrs. A. Lee,	

Christian Workers.

Organized, November 27, 1887. Meetings the Second and Fourth Saturday Afternoons of each month, at 2.30, in the Infant Room.

President, Miss Mollie Sterner; Vice President, Miss Julia Bernet; Secretary, Miss Emma Reed; Treasurer, Miss Nellie Mortimer.

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OTHER MEMBERS.

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Alberta Cable,	Ida Kershner,
Clara Candy,	Amelia Mader,
Stella Deisher,	Annie Mader,
Blanche Fernsler,	Fannie Moore,
Emily Hadesty,	Bessie Moore,
Elsie Hartline,	Mamie Parker,
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Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

Organist, Miss Laura Moser.

Choir—T. M. Morgart, William Rishel, John Brownmiller, Heber Moore, Albert Schock,

C. W. Wright, Miss Clara Kershner, Miss Maria Werner, Mrs. Theodore Heilner, Mrs. Byron Phillips, and Miss Annie Livingood.

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LADIES' AUXILIARY

OF OUR

Y. M. C. A.

Organized January 19th, 1889.

Devotional meetings upon alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3 o'clock in the Church Parlor, conducted by the President.

Business Meetings the First Thursday Evening of each month after the congregational prayer-meeting.

Joint Meetings with the Association monthly on the Second Wednesday Evening of each month.

OFFICERS.

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Vice President, Mrs. E. J. Skelly.
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PINEGROVE,

As announced in our last issue, was the place of our Sunday-School Convention for this year. We had a cordial welcome, most generous entertainment, interesting sessions, and a safe return. We are pleased to lay before our readers a tabulated statement of the Superintendent's Reports, showing the comparative standing of the Schools. We made such a report last year and modestly placed our own School last upon the list, although in almost every respect it was best of all. Brother S. M. Enterline, the Secretary of the Convention, kindly prepared the table this year, and will be pardoned the satisfaction felt in our own report which induced him to place it at the head.

Rev. S. V. Dye informs us that because of impaired health, he has resigned the pastorate of Port Carbon. Brother Croll, the President of Conference, is temporarily supplying them.

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FLOOD AND FIRE.

What awful desolations have they been effecting amid happy homes and busy avenues of trade! How many once reared in the lap of luxury are now dependent upon the charity of the multitude, how many of all classes swept suddenly into eternity! While we rejoice that amid the perils surrounding them in the many suffering towns and cities, the former citizens of our community have with scarce an exception escaped, and while we may well congratulate ourselves upon freedom from great disaster, let us not forget the source of the blessings we now enjoy, nor fail to thank Him whose power has preserved us. Let us re-consecrate to him lives that he has spared, nor fail to learn the great lessons that these occurrences should teach us, the transitory character of all earthly possessions, and the need of living in daily preparation to meet our God.

Reader, do not be a robber. He that steals breaks God's commandment. Above all, do not rob God. Sunday is God's property. *Give God his day.*

Resolve, by God's help, that you will always remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Honor it by a regular attendance at some place where the gospel is preached. Settle down under a faithful ministry, and once settled, let your place in Church never be empty.

THE SITUATION.

BY HENRY W. PALMER.

The discussion of the advantage and disadvantage of Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks for use as a beverage has developed the truth of the following propositions. Indeed, they have not been seriously disputed.

1st. That the liquor traffic, as now conducted, changes industrious and useful citizens into paupers and burdens to society.

2d. That the cost of supporting criminals and paupers, made such by drink, is five times greater than the revenue received from licenses.

3d. That the business is a deadly foe of all religion, and the ally and inciter of all forms of vice and crime.

4th. That if the business is allowed to continue, customers must be furnished from the boys who as yet have not acquired the drink habit — not less than two hundred thousand in this State in the next generation.

5th. That the business is productive of infinite want, misery and woe to blameless women and children.

6th. That its general results are injurious to the happiness of the people, the sanctity of homes, the purity of the ballot-box, the administration of justice, the honesty of legislation and the perpetuity of a government among the people.

Persons engaged in the liquor business, and others pecuniarily interested, have put forward as reasons for its continuance:

1st. That a large amount of capital has been invested in the business ($144,000,000), and a large amount of men (17,000) are employed — that to destroy the business would destroy this capital and deprive these men of employment, and the State of revenue, and, therefore, increase taxation.

3d. Even though the law is made, it will be disobeyed and the business go on in defiance of law.

4th. That the evils complained of can be better remedied by acts of Assembly imposing high license fees and severe penalties.

5th. That Prohibition is a violation of individual right, and not to be tolerated in a free country.

The friends of Prohibition answer these reasons.

1st. The capital, which now employs 17,000 men, if put into other manufacturing industries, would employ 85,000 at least. Prohibition would not destroy a building, or a foot of land, or a dollar of money. The buildings, land and capital now in the business would be infinitely more useful to the State if used for productive and useful manufacturing, and used it would be, for capital cannot remain idle.

2d. That if money spent for drink, "which perishes in the using," was not thus wasted, it would be used for strength-giving food, clothing, furniture, books, comforts, homes, and thus divided among merchants, manufacturers and mechanics would stimulate and improve all kinds of business.

3d. Whether the law, when made can be enforced is only capable of certain ascertainment after fair trial. A State that sent 200 regiments into battle to enforce a law, and succeeded, ought not to refrain from enacting a wholesome regulation because 10,000

liquor dealers threaten to break it. If a majority vote for a law, there will be a majority in favor of its enforcement, and their ranks will be reinforced by several millions of non-voters who are sincerely for it; hence there will be no lack of public sentiment to back enforcement.

4th. One hundred years of experiment in this and other States in regulating the liquor traffic by license laws has brought the state of things of which the people now complain. Further time spent in such futile efforts is wasted. So long as the liquor traffic is an element in politics, a pawn of politicians, and its regulations left to a political body, so long will the people be denied the accomplishment of any permanent or remedial reform.

5th. "That personal liberty will be infringed by prohibition." The answer to this proposition is that the rights of the citizen end when the rights of the community begin, and if the law-making power (in this case of the people) ajudge this business hurtful to the public good the individual must yield. Any other doctrine leads to anarchy, and it may be observed that the most strenuous advocates of the personal liberty objection are found among those who are hostile to all government, aud who are known as socialists and anarchists.

6th. The proof that the liquor traffic imposes burdens of taxation on the people far in excess of any benefit received from license money has been so frequently and fully exhibited that to allude to it is all-sufficient.

This, then, is the situation. Shall this business continue? The decision is with the people. Every man who is willing to assume his share of the great responsibility for the crime, suffering, poverty and woe inseparable from the liquor traffic under a license system, and who is convinced in his own heart that prohibition will make the situation worse, should vote against it. Every man who loves his country, his children, his home, and who has faith in the ability of the people of Pennsylvania to enforce against the criminal classes a law of their own making, and who wishes to be rid of complicity with the business, should vote to give prohibition a trial.

There is set before you a blessing and a curse — choose!

To the friends of the measure I say, your cause is gaining every day; you have votes to carry it by a great majority. And I believe it will win on the 18th of June. Get them to the polls. Let this be the sole object of energetic work on election day. Convince the wavering, confirm the doubting. Do not let a single man, known to be favorable to the amendment, stay at home. Give a day to the greatest cause that has ever demanded a freeman's ballot, the emancipation of a state and people from a hideous bondage.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

You read *after*, what we write *before*, our Strawberry Festival on June 12th and 13th in Centennial Hall. We cannot therefore say much about it. At the date we write, there is every reason to believe it will be a delightful season and fruitful of good financial and social results — as you read you can judge whether or not we have been too sanguine.

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Rev. J. A. Clutz, our Eastern Secretary of Home Missions, has been called to the presidency of Midland College, the institution recently founded by our General Synod at Atchison, Kansas.

THAT IS RIGHT.

We have had a far better attendance at Prayer Meeting since Easter, than we have had in any similar period under the present pastorate. This is very encouraging to the faithful ones who have been regular in their attendance, and is prophetic of a large increase of power in the Church work of the future. We hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will breathe into every heart the breath of a still more ardent spiritual life. Form, organization, equipment, association, we have them all — but we need yet more *life*. The very increase bestowed and gratefully acknowledged, but helps us to realize more fully our need of the same blessing in still greater abundance.

FAITH.

That was a sensible remark of brother Sterner at our Young People's meeting, that the people who say they have lost faith in God because of recent calamities never had much faith.

Let that faith be yours and mine, dear reader, which enabled Cora Moses to sing, in tones heard by others above the roar of that surging torrent that swept her toward eternity,

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high."

Thanks to Messrs. Rice & Co., S. D Eyster, R. H. Bergeman, J. N. Hodgson, Geo. C. Miller, W. H. Mortimer Mrs. L. Marquardt, and others, for their kind contributions toward the success of our Festival.

BLOOD-GUILTINESS.

"According to the most reliable statistics, there are *six hundred thousand drunkards* in the United States. Fifty thousand of these are in Pensylvania, and about ten thousand in Philadelphia. The Bible says that 'Drunkards shall not enter the kingdom of heaven,' and pronounces a 'WOE unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him and makest him drunken.'

It is a principle in morals, that he is guilty of murder who suffers his fellow man to perish when he is able to save him.

The infallible Word declares, 'To him that knowth to do good and *doeth it not*, to him it is sin.' What then must be the responsibility and guilt of those who *refuse to remove* from the miserable drunkard the great temptation by which thousands of immortal souls are annually led to perdition.

In a great issue like that now before us no man dare be ignorant, negligent or indifferent. It is the solemn duty of every one to study the question, and see that he *votes right*, in the fear of God and in love to his fellow-man. The interest at stake were not nearly so great, when in the history of Israel, God's maledictions were uttered against the careless unconcern of Meroz, saying: 'Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.'"

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Miss Amelia Auman,
Rohrbach Brothers.

Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad, Editor of The Lutheran Observer, was recently tendered a reception in Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, upon the completion of his fiftieth year in the Ministry. The following is one from among the many letters of congratulation written by those who could not be present in response.

REV. DR. F. W. CONRAD,— *Dear Brother:*— With the many hundreds of congratulations sent you on the auspicious day of your 50th anniversary as a minister in the Lutheran Church, I join mine and they are most hearty.

For half a century you have stood in the front rank of the standard-bearers in our Zion. Bravely have you held aloft that standard. Where the battle raged fiercest you have, with voice and pen, rallied her hosts around it; and to day, as you survey the field, it must be a source of unspeakable joy to your heart that you never suffered that standard to trail the dust.

Great has been the battle over which your influence has ranged; correspondingly great has been your responsibility; and those who have stood near you in all these conflicts and triumphs bear you the willing testimony that you have neither shirked nor shrunk from duty.

The past is yours. You have lived it. As you erect its memorial stone next Thursday, you can inscribe upon it Samuel's *Ebenezer*. The future is God's. He bespans and bespangles it with the bow of promise: "*I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.*" THAT IS ENOUGH!

Fraternally yours,

A. C. WEDEKIND.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The celebration of this day has been steadily growing in favor in our own, as in various other Churches. We have pleasant recollections of its observance in our congregation in other years and anticipations of another happy assemblage on Sunday afternoon, June 23rd. The School will meet at the usual hour in the Sunday-School Room and be taken thence to reserved seats in the main audience chamber, where service will begin promptly at 2.30. A cordial welcome will be given to all visitors. A special collection will be received for the benefit of our Church Orphans. It ought to be a liberal one. The scholars will be provided with envelopes for the purpose. Nearly a hundred orphans of the Church are cared for at Loysville, and a large number of other worthy cases are crying for aid, which cannot be granted for lack of funds. Surely our Sunday-School scholars coming, as most of them do, from comfortable homes, will be glad to contribute to relieve the wants of the more needy.

YOUNG CHURCH BUILDERS.

We shall always recall with great pleasure two entertainments given by the Mission Band, the first upon the 26th of April and the second upon the 29th of May. They consisted of hymns and recitations, and dialogues and instrumental music. The first was followed by refreshments and the second by a large number of fine stereopticon views, exhibited by Mr. A. L. Phillips to whom a hearty vote of thanks was tendered for his kindness. The collection lifted on the latter occasion and the receipts of the former, together with the previous collections of the society, will be sufficient to build a Christian Church in Africa, the object for which the money was raised. God bless and prosper the Mission Band!

SOME GOOD PRAYER-MEETING RESOLUTIONS.

"I shall make it a matter of conscience to attend —"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together."

I will endeavor to induce others to attend —"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

Entering the prayer-room of the sanctuary, I will invoke the Saviour's presence —"We would see Jesus."

I will not select a back seat—"How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

I will not so seat myself in the end of the pew as to keep others out, or make it unpleasant for both myself and them, if they would enter it—"Be courteous."

I will concentrate my thought and attention upon the exercises of the hour. "This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, but their heart is far from Me."

I will not hesitate to lead in prayer —"Ye also helping together by prayer for us."

I will otherwise take part in the exercises as opportunity may offer and require —"Teaching and admonishing one another; confess your faults one to another."

I will be brief, whether in prayer or in testimony —"For God is in

heaven and thou upon the earth; therefore let thy words be few.''

After the dismission of the service, I will be social and courteous to as many as I can—"Salute one another;" "Be kindly affectionate."— *Messiah's Missionary.*

ANNIVERSARY.

A very enjoyable occasion was that which summoned some seventy or more of us together in Centennial Hall on the Sixth of May. It was the Third Anniversary of our Literary Society. The exercises were as follows :

Opening Song by the Society; Address by the Pastor; Piano Solo by Miss Laura Moser; History of the Society by Miss Katie L. Kaiser; Reading by Allen W. Sterner; Duett by Miss Lidie Crosland and Miss Carrie Staehle; Essay by James A. Rinck, Esq.; Prophecy by Howard P. Nagle; Duett by Mrs. Dr. A. L. Gillars and Miss Carrie Staehle; Anniversary Oration by R. S. Bashore, Esq.; Closing Ode by the Society; General Social Enjoyments and Banquet.

Who says we didn't have a good time? Long live the Literary Society!

Visit the sick! There are some standing committees appointed for this purpose, so that it be not utterly overlooked by all save the pastor, but this does not relieve others of personal responsibility and privilege in this direction, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these my brethren, ye did it not unto Me."

There are now Six-Hundred and Ten Scholars in our Sunday-School.

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MAY 28th, 1889.

Mary Bell Wallace Schlotman,
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MAY 22nd, 1889.

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Miss Ida M. Sterner.

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Mrs. Louisa Fleck.
Florence Ray Ramsey.

MAY 2nd, 1889.

Henry Griffith.

MAY 22nd, 1889.

Mr. A. J. Helms.

A part of the above record would have naturally appeared in our May issue—but was left over to this on account of the space demanded for the names and residences of our new members.

The contributions of the Sunday-Schools of our General Synod, in 1886 and 1887, amounted to $123,540.22, an increase over the previous two years of $67,234.28. We hope that the showing made at the present session of the General Synod now convened at Allegheny City, will disclose a similar advancement for the years 1888 and 1889. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

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Organized December 1, 1886

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Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meeting the Sabbath nearest the Thirty-first of October.

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Organized April 28, 1886.

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Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

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THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Is an item of deep interest to all members who are intelligently considerate of the welfare of the Church.

It was looked for as usual, in our April issue, but for excellent reasons then given, deferred until July. It will therefore appear in our next issue and will reveal all contributions of each individual toward the General Fund and Missions for the last Nine Months. For the credit of indvidual members, as well as for the sake of the Congregation and the Missionary Cause, we hope there will be very few blank spaces in the column of Contributions. There are very few, if any, among our communicants who in the length of time represented by this report, could not have given *something* to the cause of Him who gave *himself* for them.

All contributions to July First will be duly acknowledged upon this report.

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PRESENTATION.

Brother J. H. Helwig, the prime mover in the origin of The English Lutheran, whose marriage on the Nineteenth of June is noted in another place, was agreeably surprised on Sunday Evening, July the Seventh, while conducting the Young People's Prayer Meeting.

The Young Men's Christian Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary took pleasure in presenting to him and his good wife at that time, as a token of their esteem and evidence of their best wishes, a large and handsome family Bible.

The presentation speech was neatly and earnestly made by brother E. J. Skelly, President of the Association.

Though taken completely by surprise, and in the presence of a large audience, brother Helwig succeeded, in a few well chosen words, in making a suitable response.

This act of the Association and its younger Auxiliary was eminently fitting in view of the activity of brother Helwig in the organization of both.

Our Financial Report herein rendered, shows that very few of our members are forgetful of their obligation to support the Church. Proper inquiry and effort on the part of the Deacons will result in a report with fewer *gaps* the next time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

From October 1st, 1888, to July 1st, 1889.

	Gen. Fund.	*Missions*
Adcock, John C.	$3 00	$ 25
Adcock, Mrs. J. C.	3 00	25
Adcock, Miss Emma	75	
Albright, Elmer E.	50	
Allan, Mrs. Mary	50	20
Allan, Thomas G.		
Allison, Mrs. F. B.		
Anwyl, Miss Dorothy	50	20
Arbogast, Geo. C.		
Arbogast, Mrs. Geo. C.		
Arbogast, John H.		
Arbogast, Mrs. John H.	2 00	
Arbogast, Charles J.	50	
Arbogast, Mrs. Chas. J.	1 50	50
Auman, Miss Emma	50	
Aurand, Geo.	3 00	25
Aurand, Mrs. George		
Bashore, R. S.	50	
Bamford, Mrs M. A.	1 00	50
Barth, Mrs. E.		
Batdorff, Theo. F.	1 50	
Batdorff, Mrs. Theo. F.	1 25	
Bearsh, George D.	50	20
Behney, Miss Emma	1 50	30
Bell, Mrs. M. B.	2 92	58
Beltz, Miss Mary	1 00	16
Bensinger, Mrs. C.	4 50	70
Bensinger, Mrs. Geo.	2 50	75
Bernet, Miss Julia.	50	
Beyerle, Lot K.		
Beyerle, Mrs. L. K.	4 50	1 00
Beyerle, Geo. D.	2 00	40
Beyerle, Clarence E.	1 25	25
Beyerle, Mrs. Daniel	4 00	
Beyerle, Wm. H		
Beyerle, H. W.		
Beyerle, Miss Elsie M.	30	20
Billington, Mrs. A.	2 75	85
Billman, Amos	3 00	
Billman, Mrs. Amos.	2 25	30
Billman, Edward	1 35	30
Bindley, Mrs. A.	1 75	
Bindley. Miss Lizzie		
Bocam, Mrs. L.	3 00	40
Bocam, Joseph		
Bocam, Lamie	90	31
Bock, Mrs. Wm.	9 00	95
Bock, James W.	6 75	2 25
Bock, Mrs. J. W.		
Bock, Miss Annie M.	10	10
Bolich, Mrs. John		
Boner, L. S.	9 00	1 75
Bowen, Mrs. J. A.	5 40	85
Bowers, Alfred		
Bowers, Mrs. Alfred		
Boyer, Edward W.	2 00	40
Bray, Miss Nellie E.	10	
Britton, Mrs. E.	1 23	33
Brown, Miss Ellie		
Brown, Miss Annie		
Brown, Wm. H.	4 50	8
Brown, C. T.	2 25	5
Brown, Mrs. C. T.	2 25	5
Brownmiller, Nicholas	4 00	7
Brownmiller, Mrs. N.	1 25	4
Brownmiller, J. N.	2 75	3
Brownmiller, Mrs. J. N.	75	1
Burnett, Miss Bessie	3 00	5
Cable, Mrs. Albert	3 10	
Cable, Miss Mary	50	
Candy, Miss Mary A.	2 45	2
Candy, Miss Clara E.	20	
Carter, Miss Emma R.	2 25	6
Carter, Mrs. Clarence C.	1 40	
Christian, Daniel	9 00	2 0
Christian, Mrs. Daniel	9 00	2 0
Christian, Miss Carrie	5 00	
Clark, Mrs. A.	50	
Cochran, Mrs. A. B.	9 00	1 5
Conners, Mrs. Tillie		
Conrad, Mrs. C. F.	75	7
Conrad, Miss Celia	1 35	
Conrad, Miss Clara	90	
Conrad, Miss H. C.	75	
Conrad, John	5 20	8
Conrad, Mrs. John	3 75	6
Conrad, Miss Jennie G.	40	1
Cooper, Miss Esther A.	50	2
Cruikshanks, Mrs. M. S.	25	
Currier, Mrs. Fred.	2 95	
Dailey, Miss Sallie	25	1
Daubert, Miss Ida E.	1 50	5
DeFrehn, Daniel	4 50	9
DeFrehn, Mrs. Daniel.	4 50	1 4
DeFrehn, Miss Emma.	2 60	
DeFrehn, Geo. H.	7 50	1 0
DeFrehn, Joseph.	9 00	1 0
DeFrehn, Mrs. Joseph.	4 50	1 0
DeFrehn, Mrs. Joseph, Jr.,	2 25	1 0
Deibert, Charles F.	50	1
Deibert, Mrs. C. F.		
Deibler, Miss Louisa	50	1
Deisher, F. E.	8 00	
Deisher, Mrs. F. E.	4 00	
Deisher, Miss Ida.	1 65	
Deisher, Miss Ella M.	40	1
Deisher, John H.	3 00	
Deisher, Mrs. J. H.	3 00	
Deisher, Miss Lena A.	40	1
Deisher, Miss Stella	40	1
DeLong, Mrs. Catharine	1 50	
DeLong, Mrs. Geo. R.	1 25	1
Dengler, J. George	2 25	1
Dengler, Joseph F.	1 26	
Dengler, Miss Nora.	2 25	5
Dengler, Miss Eva.	1 35	2
Dengler, Miss Mary E.	20	
Dentzer, Miss Katie.	3 15	1 8
Dentzer, Charles O.	45	2
Dentzer, Elmer.	40	2
Dentzer, Geo. H.	50	
Dentzer, Mrs. Geo. H.	50	
Dentzer, Mrs. Susan	2 25	1
Dentzer, Chas.	1 25	
Dentzer, Mrs. Charles	1 75	

Detzner, Miss Annie	2 00	1 10	Gross, Mrs. Earnest			
Dieffenderfer, James			Gross, Miss Carrie	2 00		5
Dieffenderfer, Mrs. James	75	30	Guers, Jacob	3 00		
Dimmick, Mrs. C	4 00	25	Hadesty, Miss Martha	2 15		75
Dysinger, Mrs. H. C.	2 25		Hamilton, George W.	2 25		75
Dysinger, Miss Lena	20		Hamilton, Mrs. George W.	2 25		75
East, Mrs. Samuel	50	30	Haring, Wm. H.	2 00		35
East, Miss Ella	50	30	Haring, Mrs. Wm. H.	2 00		35
Ebert, Mrs. John	1 50	10	Harner Miss Jennie	50		
Ebert, Miss Clara	25		Hart, Henry	4 50	1	60
Ebert, Tunis	15		Hart, Mrs. Henry	2 25		85
Ebert, Charles B.	1 00	10	Hart, Miss Alice	2 25	1	70
Emhardt, Fred	4 50	65	Hart, John H.	5 50		25
Emhardt, Mrs. Fred	2 25	65	Hart, Mrs. J. H.	6 00		25
Engle, Walter M.	1 25		Hartline, Miss Elsie			10
Enterline, S. M.	2 25		Hartman, Miss Mary	1 20	1	50
Enterline, Mrs. S. M.	1 75		Hay, Rev. E. G.		5	00
Erdman, Thomas J.			Heffner, Mrs. M. B.	1 75		
Eyster, S. D.	1 00	50	Heffner, Mrs. Hannah	1 50		
Eyster, Mrs. S. D.	1 00	50	Heilner, Mrs. T. C.	2 00		
Fasolt, Miss Annie			Heim, Allan J.	1 00		20
Fasolt, Miss Florence M.	20		Heisler, Miss Minnie			
Faus, Miss Mary	4 50	90	Heller, L. F.	4 15		85
Faus, Miss Kate	2 25	85	Heller, Mrs. L. F.	3 15		85
Fegley, Robt. F.	25		Heller, Miss Minnie	2 25		85
Fernsler, Mrs. J.	1 50		Heller, Harry	80		
Fernsler, Miss Blanche H.	50		Heller, Mrs. Harry	80		
Fertig, Miss Clara.	50	20	Heller, George P.	3 70		50
Fertig, John			Heller, Mrs. George P.	2 70		55
Fessler, Mrs. Clara	20		Helms, Mrs. Phœbe	1 80		
Filbert, Dr. P. K.	18 00	8 00	Helms, Miss Maggie	1 25		
Filbert, Mrs. P. K.			Helms, Mrs. John S.	2 95		15
Fisher, Mrs. George	20		Helwig, J. H.	3 00		25
Fleck, Mrs. Geo W.			Henry, Robert C.	1 00		70
Foltz, Mrs. George	2 00	1 05	Hight, Mrs. Harry G.	5 25		25
Foltz, Miss Laura	1 95	1 15	Hill, Daniel			
Fonderwhite, Mrs. C.	25	25	Hill, Mrs. Daniel	2 00		25
Forseman, Chas.	25	5	Hill, Mrs. H. H.	4 50		80
Forseman, Mrs. Charles	1 75	5	Hill, Mrs. Wm.	2 50		
Fox, Edward	12 50	4 50	Hill, Miss Clara M.	1 90		
Fox, Mrs. Edward	12 50	3 50	Hill, Miss Nellie A.	1 33		85
Fox, Jacob W.	1 00		Hill, Miss Annie	20		10
Fredericks, Mrs. J. E.	4 50	30	Hinkley, Mrs. W. H.	1 15		50
Frizell Mrs. Charles			Hoepstine, James W.	25		
Gallagher, Miss A.	3 00		Hoepstine, Mrs. James W.	1 25		
Geier, Thomas	9 00	1 50	Hoepstine, James W., Jr.	50		
Geier, Mrs. Thomas	4 50	75	Hoepstine, Charles I.			
Geier, Miss Elsie	2 25	75	Hoffman, M. C.	25		
Gerhard, Prof. F.			Hoffman, Mrs. J. B.	1 00		
Gerhard, Mrs. F.	4 00	1 05	Hoffman, Miss Mamie	50		
German, Mrs M.		25	Hollenbach, J. K.	50		
Gilger, J. A.	4 50	75	Hollenbach, Mrs. J. K.	75		12
Gilger, Mrs. J. A.	4 00	75	Hollenbach, Miss Emily	1 25		10
Gilger, James E.	30	20	Holt, Mrs. Susan			
Gise, George W.			Howell, Mrs. Robert			
Glassmire, Mrs. M. L.	4 50	50	Hower, John			
Glassmire Miss Carrie	1 15	75	Hower, Mrs. John	25		25
Gottschall, Miss M.			Hubley, Miss Emma	2 25		20
Gottschall, Albert			Huntzinger, Mrs. T. J.	2 50		
Graeff, L. A.			Hutchinson, Miss Katie	2 25	1	10
Graeff, Mrs. L. A.			Johnston, Miss Agnes.	2 50	1	50
Green, Mrs. Edward	1 00	50	Jones, Miss Tillie	50		20
Greenawalt, Mrs. A.	4 50		Jones, Miss Anna B.			
Griner, Miss Lizzie			Keer, Mrs. Lucy A.	1 75		10
Gross, Earnest	75	20	Keer, Miss Josephine	1 25		10

Kaiser, Mrs. Frank	10 00	50	Morgart, T. Murray	3 60	1 1
Keller, Daniel	2 00	50	Mortimer, G. W.	11 25	1 3
Kemp, Nicholas	3 25	85	Mortimer, Mrs. G W	4 50	1 1
Kemp, Mrs. Nicholas	3 15	85	Mortimer, Miss Clara	2 25	1 1
Kepley, Mrs. Joseph	50	20	Mortimer, Mrs. F. P.	3 00	3
Kerbel, Miss C.			Mortimer, Mrs. Morgan		
Kerbel, Mrs. Mary			Moser, J. Michael	4 50	1 7
Kershner, Charles A	50	25	Moser, Mrs. J. M.	50	2
Kershner, Mrs. Charles A	40	20	Moser, Miss Mamie	90	8
Kershner, Miss Clara	40	20	Moser, Miss Laura A	90	8
Klare, Mrs. C.	2 00		Musket, Mrs. William	1 50	
Kline, Mrs George	2 35	80	Nagle, Mrs. E.	9 00	1 0
Knerr, Miss M. E.	50	20	Nagle, Mark H.	2 50	6
Kriner, H. W.	3 50	55	Nagle, Mrs M. H.	2 50	6
Kriner, Mrs. H. W.	3 50	55	Nagle, Miss Ellen	1 62	3
Kriner, Byron	1 00		Nagle, Daniel		
Kriner, Mrs. Byron	1 00		Nagle, Mrs. Daniel	11 50	4
Krohmer, Mrs. J. C.	2 00		Nagle, G. W.	1 08	
Kull, Charles	75		Nagle, Howard P.	2 00	
Laubenstine, Levi	4 50		Nagle, Elmer E.	75	
Laubenstine, Mrs. Levi	2 25		Nagle, Mrs. Henry		
Laubenstine, Miss Carrie,	90		Neff, Mrs. Mary	10	
Laubenstine, Miss Sallie			Neff, Miss Kate		
Lee, Mrs. Alfred	1 50	10	Ohnmacht, Miss Kate	1 00	1
Liddle, Mrs. Samuel			Ohnmacht, Fred		
Logan, John	75	20	Ohnmacht, Miss Mamie E.	50	2
Logan, Mrs John			Parker, Wm. K.	2 50	5
Loose, Miss Almeda	1 00	40	Parker, Mrs. Wm. K.	2 50	5
Lord, Charles	4 50		Parker, Edward J.	50	2
Lord, Mrs. Charles	2 25	30	Parker, Wm. H.	10	1
Lord, Miss Lizzie	2 25	40	Parker, Miss Amy	10	1
Lord, Mrs. Henry	1 75	25	Patterson, Mrs. Joseph	90	1
Lord, Miss Carrie	1 50	25	Paul, Allan S.	3 50	8
Lord, Miss Lulu	1 25		Pfeifer, Miss Hattie C.	70	
Lord, Charles H.	1 25		Pflueger, Fred	1 85	4
Lorriman, Mrs. E.	75	25	Pflueger, Mrs. Fred	75	2
Mader, Anthony	2 00	10	Pflueger, Miss Laura	2 30	8
Matter, James			Pflueger, Miss Mamie	10	1
Matthews, Miss B.	10	10	Phillips, Byron	3 00	2
Matthews, Miss M.			Phillips Mrs. Byron	3 00	2
McCullough, Mrs. James	25	10	Phillips, Mrs. A. L.	9 00	2 9
McDaniel, Mrs. S.			Pugh, Mrs. Daniel M.	2 00	2
McDaniel, Mrs. C.	4 00	55	Pugh, Wm. H.	2 50	2
McDaniel, Chas. G.			Pugh, Zachariah	50	
McLennan, Mrs. Hugh.	1 00	20	Quinn, Mrs. Lewis.	1 00	2
Meade, Mrs. George	2 00		Rabenau, Mrs. H.	1 50	2
Michael, Mrs. M.			Rath, Mrs. John	2 00	
Michael, Miss Mary	75	25	Rath, John, Jr.,		
Miles, Mrs. Wm. H.	4 00	25	Rath, Geo. W.	80	
Miles, Miss Irene	20		Reber, Mrs Frank		
Miller, Mrs. Frank.	3 00		Reber, Miss Sallie		
Miller, Mrs. E.	1 62	38	Reed, Morgan	5 00	
Miller, Miss Pamilla C.	2 25	25	Reed, Mrs. Morgan	2 50	1 0
Miller, Mrs. Mary	1 50	50	Reed, Miss Emma	1 00	
Miller, Dr. G. M.	9 00	25	Reed, Charles.	1 00	
Miller, Dr. C. D. a	2 25		Reichert, Mrs. Joseph		
Miller, Miss Katie	50	20	Reichert, Mrs. Edward	1 30	2
Montgomery, Mrs. T.	4 25	25	Reichert, Charles Edward		
Moore, Mrs. Alice	2 00	75	Reichert, Mrs. Emma	25	
Moore, Mrs. George F.	4 50	3	Reichert, Jacob		
Moore, Mrs. Aaron	1 50	35	Reichert, Mrs. Susan	25	
Moore, Miss Sallie R.	1 50	20	Reith, Mrs. Robt. H.	1 00	
Moore, Heber T.	2 20	60	Rice, Mrs. Jacob	3 00	2 0
Moore, Miss Fannie E.	10	10	Rishel, George.	4 50	7
Moore, Miss Bessie L.	10	10	Rishel, Mrs. George	2 25	7

Rishel, Miss Minnie	2 25	65	Sell, Miss Annie L	30	
Rishel, Charles L.	2 25	80	Severn, I. H	2 25	80
Rishel, Clinton D.	3 00	30	Shappell, George	50	
Rishel, Wm. H.	2 20	30	Shappell, Mrs. George	50	
Rishel, G. M.	2 50	80	Sheetz, Mrs. C	4 25	25
Rishel, Mrs. G. M.	2 50	80	Sheetz, Miss Nettie	1 50	
Risheill, Mrs. A.	2 50	1 00	Shell, William	50	10
Roehrig, Frank			Shell, Mrs. William	50	10
Roehrig, Mrs. Frank			Shellhammer, J. M.	4 00	
Rosengarten, Mrs. H.	6 75	1 00	Shellhammer, Mrs. J. M		
Rosengarten, Miss Carrie	3 00	1 00	Shoean, Miss Lena	50	
Rosengarten, Miss Ella	3 00	1 00	Shoean, Miss Amelia C		
Rosengarten, Miss Clara	3 00	1 00	Shollenberger, Miss M	1 50	75
Rosengarten, Arthur	3 00	1 00	Shugars, Hiram	2 50	10
Rosengarten, Wm. H.	3 00	50	Schum, Mrs M		
Rosengarten, Mrs. Wm. H.	2 25	85	Schum, Miss Clara		
Roth, Preston Q.	30	20	Schum, John G		
Rowe, Mrs. John M.	75		Schum, C. L.		
Rowe, Miss Mamie A	20	10	Schum, Mrs. C. L		
Sabold, Mrs. Wm	1 50		Sigfreid, Miss R. A. L	75	10
Sabold, Wm. H.	1 00	10	Silliman, Miss Tillie	45	
Saeger, W. H.	3 75	50	Skeen, Joseph H	50	10
Sallade, Miss Annie M.	50	20	Skeen, Mrs. J. H	2 85	70
Sands, Wm. H	40	20	Skeen, Harry		
Sands, Mrs. Wm. H	2 75	35	Skelly, E. J.	4 50	97
Saylor, Mrs. Wm	2 50	85	Skelly, Mrs. E. J.	4 50	97
Schimpf, Miss Carrie	2 25	25	Sterner, Mrs. Oscar	75	30
Schlaseman, Elmer	25		Sterner, F. D.	2 50	
Schlaseman, Stanley			Sterner, Miss Mollie	2 25	80
Schnerring, Mr. C.			Sterner, H. S	5 50	85
Schnerring, Mrs. C.	50		Sterner, Mrs. H. S.	5 75	85
Schock, Mrs. A.	50		Sterner, Allen W	2 25	85
Schrader, Miss C.		80	Sterner, Robert F.	2 25	85
Schrader, Miss L.		80	Stevenson, Mrs. J. G.	50	25
Schrader, J. Wm	5 00		Stevenson, Miss Maud	75	25
Skelly, Miss Clara V.	50	20	Stichter, Mrs H. E.		25
Smith, Mrs. Frank	2 00	65	Stichter, Miss Minnie		25
Smith, Miss Callie	1 20	25	Stichter, Valentine	4 25	75
Smith, Miss Maggie	1 05	35	Stichter, Mrs. Val	4 25	75
Smith, Geo. F.	20	5	Stichter, Miss Clara	1 25	50
Smith, Edward C.	10	10	Stoffregen, Miss Ida	1 05	60
Snyder Mrs. Charles	2 70	1 30	Stout, Mrs. Samuel	50	20
Snyder, Miss May	25	15	Stout, Miss Katie M	20	
Snyder, Miss Emily P.	2 25	85	Stout, Robert B		
Snyder, Miss Catharine			Summons, Mrs. Joseph.	6 50	85
Snyder, Miss Carrie	2 40	30	Teter, John.	5 30	95
Snyder, Reuben		25	Teter, Mrs. John	2 25	65
Snyder, Walter			Teter, Miss Lydia	50	10
Snyder, Miss Annie M.	50	20	Thomas, Miss Mary	70	5
Snyder, Michael			Transue, Prof. G. A	5 00	
Snyder, Miss Katie C.	25		Transue, Mrs. G. A.	5 00	
Speacht, Fred	2 25	85	Uhler, J. Henry	5 00	
Speacht, Mrs. Fred	2 25	85	Wagner, Mrs. John	1 25	50
Speacht, John F.	90	30	Wagner, Frederick		
Speacht, Edward	30	15	Wagner, Mrs. F.	1 75	25
Speacht, Daniel F.	20	10	Walbridge, Mrs. Harriet	2 25	55
Spehrley, Mrs. H.	1 50	25	Walbridge, Miss Cora.		
Staehle, Miss Carrie	50		Walbridge, Miss Edith M	20	
Steiger, Miss Josephine			Walker, Miss Fannie B	25	10
Steinbach, Mrs. S.	2 50		Weaver, Mrs. G. F	2 05	
Steinbach, Miss M.	2 50		Weiderhold, Mrs. C.	2 25	85
Stellwagon, Mrs. Clara	20		Weiderhold, John	1 05	20
Stott, Henry L.	1 50		Welker, George C.	50	
Stott, Mrs. H. L.			Welker, Mrs. Geo. C.	50	
Stitzinger, Miss Alma	25	25	Wells, Mrs. Geo. K.	50	

Werner, Miss Maria		
Weston, R. G.	2 50	80
Weston, Mrs. R. G.	2 50	80
Weston, I. Pearl	90	45
Weston, Laura	90	45
Wilde, Mrs. George	2 00	
Wilde, Harry L		
Wildermuth, Albert L.	25	10
Wildermuth, Mrs. A. L.	75	20
Williams, W. R.	9 00	75
Williams, Mrs. W. R	9 00	75
Williams, David L	50	20
Williams, Mrs. D. L	2 85	75
Williams, Thomas	2 05	15
Williams, Mrs. William	50	20
Witman, Oscar P.	3 65	70
Witman, Mrs. O. P	3 10	90
Wolfinger, Mrs. M.	2 25	85
Wolfiinger, John	2 25	85
Work, Miss Bertha L		
Wright, Charles.	50	50
Wright, Thomas		
Young, Mrs. Rachael		
Zeiders, Mrs. C. V.		
Zimmerman, Miss M	75	
Zimmerman, Miss Ella.	3 75	50
Tolal,	$990 56	$189 03

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last Report Oct. 1, 1888,	$110 14
" from Envelopes,	990 56
" " Basket Collection,	281 70
	$1382 40

EXPENDITURES.

Rev. E. G. Hay, Salary, 9 months to July 1st, '89,	$750 06
Mrs. G. M. Rishel, Organist, Salary to July 1st, '89,	75 07
Mrs. Jos. Reichert, Janitor, Salary,	37 00
Chas. W. Kershner, " "	68 75
Louis Hoepstine, Organ Pumping,	9 75
J. H. Helwig, Sec.,	11 00
Gas to July 1st, 1889,	38 89
Coal,	57 95
R. H. Weston, carrying Envelopes,	3 00
Lutheran Pub. Society, Hymn Books,	20 76
Water rent,	10 80
A. S. Keiser, Matting,	30 06
Val. Stichter repairing Heater,	16 87
Expenses to Synod and Conference,	16 38
Wm. Bock, Carpenter work,	42 62
R. D. Colborn, Printing and Envelopes,	25 75
Standard Pub. Co., Printing,	2 05
A. S. Faust, Hanging Paper,	10 44
J. W. Bowen, Painting,	6 28
Dilliplane & Uhler, Mdse.,	3 46
Expenses of Dedication,	20 00
Chas. Adcock & Son, Topping Chimney,	16 50
Type Writing,	3 50
Hauling ashes,	2 20
Communion wine,	2 0
Supplies for Janitor,	1 3
Book for Secretary,	9
Key for Church,	4
Bal. Cash on hand July 1st, '89,	98 5
	$1382 4

MISSIONARY FUND.

Cash from Envelopes,	$189 0
" " other sources,	95 0
Cash on hand July 1st, '89,	$284 0

IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Balance, July 1st, '89, $21.50.
Outstanding order $74.00, since paid by application of above with $52.50 from the General Fund.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

JUNE 22nd, 1889.
Jennie May Welsh.
JUNE 23rd, 1889.
Florence May Sabold.
JUNE 26th, 1889.
Virgie May Schartle.
JUNE 28th, 1889.
Walter Vere Trice.
JULY 4th, 1889.
Edith Ethel Roads.
July 6th, 1889.
Clara May Hille.
JULY 7th, 1888.
John Henry Hart.
JULY 27th, 1889.
Lee Roy Kline.
JULY 28th, 1889.
Vera May Bell Bonawitz.

MARRIED.

JUNE 19th, 1889.
Mr. John H. Helwig,
Miss Annie V. Whitehouse.

JULY 25th, 1889.
Mr. Frank Kaiser,
Mrs. Mary A. E. Morgan.

BURIED.

JUNE 15th, 1889.
Mr. Morgan Reed.

JUNE 16th, 1889.
William Franklin Glassmire.

JUNE 25th, 1889.
Mr. John Rath.
JULY 27th, 1889.
Mrs. Nicholas Brownmiller.
JULY 30th, 1889.
Lee Roy Kline.

SAVED.

Rev. R. A. Fink, D. D., the English Lutheran pastor of Johnstown, made a statement on the floor of the General Synod at its last meeting in Allegheny City, concerning his experience amid that calamity.

His account was graphic and pathetic. He told how the waters of the streams enlarged during the days preceding the great disaster; that by Friday afternoon he and his family were obliged to move to the second story of his house. At about four o'clock of the same day they happened to look in the direction of the lake, when they were horrified by seeing the water, about a mile off, coming rolling along, resembling a moving mountain. Some of his family looked upon it as an earthquake and were about to flee from the house. Brother Fink says he could not describe his feelings at the time. He saw houses and churches crumble, the water coming nearer every second. His house, though in the midst of the stream, was so located that the force of the water was somewhat broken and the building saved. He told of a boy who came along on a roof from about two miles away, who knew him, and cried out, "Oh! Mr. Fink, will you take me in?" He opened the window, took him in and saved him. A large skating rink just opposite his house was picked up and carried toward the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge. The accumulation of debris caused the water to react and brought back the rink with more force than it had gone. Its great weight broke down every house in its way. Destruction now stared him and his family in the face. The large building was fast heading toward the house, but again they were saved. It struck a large telegraph post, which diverted its course away from the house. They remained in their perilous position from Friday until Saturday afternoon, finding refuge in the third story. Dr. Fink lost his whole library, all his furniture and clothing of himself and family. His church building suffered to the extent of about $2000. About half of his membership, which was about 600, either suffered in the flood or are scattered. Among many others who were swept away was a member of the church council with his family, of whom nothing has yet been discovered, and Dr. Fink's brother, with his whole family, excepting one boy, who happened to be at Pittsburgh.

On motion of Brother H. S. Boner, the Synod unanimously decided that Dr. Fink's church building be replaced by the Board of Church Extension.

MISSIONS.

The *Independent* has this item: Dr. Talmage says: "The Church, if it would do its duty, could convert the world in ten years. It has the men and money." Perhaps so, but it must turn over a new leaf of generosity very soon if it is going to undertake so great and speedy a task. The Brooklyn Tabernacle last year, with 4,126 members reported, gave $151 to Home Missions and $138 to Foreign Missions.

—This is Dr. Talmage's Church. Comment is unnecessary.

English Lutheran Church—Garfield Square.

PASTOR, REV. E. G. HAY.

PARSONAGE 515 W. MARKET STREET.

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Pastor—REV. E. G. HAY.

ELDERS.	DEACONS.
Wm. R. Williams	J. H. Helwig
Edward Fox,	H. S. Sterner
N. Brownmiller,	Geo. M. Rishel
Daniel Christian,	E. J. Skelly,
F. E. Deisher.	Oscar P. Witman.

TRUSTEES:—W. R. Williams, F. E. Deisher, and Edward Fox.

SECRETARY:—J. H. Helwig.

TREASURER:—Edward Fox.

Sabbath School Organization.

SUPERINTENDENT, H. S. Sterner; ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, J. H. Helwig.

OFFICERS: Geo. DeFrehn, Secretary; Chas T. Brown, Assistant Secretary; William Brown, Treasurer; J. W. Bock, Librarian; M. H. Nagle and J. C. Adcock, Assistant Librarians; Mrs. Geo. M. Rishel, Organist; Mr. Z. Pugh, Cornetist.

CHOIR: Mrs. H. S. Sterner Miss Elsie Geier, Miss E. DeFrehn, Mr. J. W. Bock, Mrs. H. H. Hill, Mr. Geo. H. DeFrehn and Mr. Chas. T. Brown.

TEACHERS: Miss Laura Foltz, Mr. Lot K. Beyerle, Mr. Wm. Brown, Mr. N. Brownmiller, Miss L. Crosland, Miss Emma DeFrehn, Miss Katie Dentzer, Mr. S. M. Enterline, Mrs. E. Reichard, Mr. J. H. Helwig, Mrs. H. H. Hill, Miss C. Laubenstine, Mrs. Geo. Kline, Miss L. Lord, Mr. T. M. Morgart, Miss Mamie Moser, Miss Laura Moser, Mr. H. L. Scott, Miss Laura Pfleuger, Mrs. A. L. Phillips, Miss Emma Reed, Mr. Geo. M. Rishel, Mrs. G. M. Rishel, Miss C. Schrader, Miss L. Schrader, Mr. I. H. Severn, Mrs. E. J. Skelly, Mrs. O. P. Witman, Miss Emily P. Snyder, Mr. H. S. Sterner, Miss Mollie Sterner, Miss Ida Stoffregen, Miss Lydia Teter, Mr. Oscar P. Witman, Miss Ella Zimmerman. Miss Nellie Hill.

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

TEACHER, Mr. E. J. Skelly. ORGANIST, Miss Martha Hadesty. SECRETARY Mr. Robert H. Weston.

CHOIR: Mr. Wm. Rishel Mr. John Brownmiller, Mrs. Theo. Heilner Mrs. Byron Phillips, Mrs. G. F. Weaver, Mrs. T. Batdorff.

INFANT DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT, Mrs. Lot K. Beyerle.

TEACHERS: Mrs. L. K. Beyerle Mrs. E. G. Hay, Miss C. Rosengarten.

ORGANIST, Miss Callie Smith.

SPECIAL SOCIETIES

Ladies' Mite Society.

Meetings the First Wednesday Evening of each month in Church parlor

President, Mrs A. B. Cochran.

Sec'y and Treas., Mrs. Edward Fox

OTHER MEMBERS.

Mrs. M. B. Bell,	Mrs. H. W. Kriner,
Mrs. L. K. Beyerle,	Mrs. L. Laubenstine,
Mrs. J. A. Bowen,	Mrs. A. Lee,
Mrs. Wm. Bock,	Mrs. Chas. Lord,
Mrs. N. Brownmiller	Mrs. W. H. Miles,
Mrs. J. Brownmiller,	Mrs. G. W. Mortimer,
Mrs. Daniel Christian,	Mrs. Dr. G. M. Miller
Mrs. Daniel DeFrehn,	Mrs. Jas. Nagle,
Mrs. Joseph DeFrehn,	Mrs. M. Reed,
Mrs. J. E. Fredericks,	Mrs. Geo. Rishel,
Mrs. E. Britton,	Mrs. A. Risheill,
Mrs. J. A. Gilger,	Mrs. E. J. Skelly,
Mrs. T. Geier,	Mrs. Val Stichter,
Mrs. H. Hart,	Mrs. Joseph Summons,
Mrs. E. G. Hay,	Mrs. J. Teter,
Mrs. Hannah Heffner,	Mrs. W. R. Williams,
Mrs. J. Hoffman,	Mrs. David Williams,
Mrs. N. Kemp,	Mrs. Martha Wolfinger

Church Choir.

Meetings for practice every Friday Evening at 7.30.

Leader — Dr. P. K. Filbert.

Organist, - Mrs. G. M. Rishel.

OTHER MEMBERS.

Mr. L. K. Beyerle,	Mrs. H. H. Hill,
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Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meeting the Sabbath nearest the Thirty-first of October.

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Organized April 28, 1886.

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Organized December 15, 1886.

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Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

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Devotional meetings upon alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3 o'clock in the Church Parlor, conducted by the President.

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APPORTIONMENT.

The amount apportioned our Congregation by Synod, and which it is our duty to try to raise, if possible, for the Missionary Cause is not large as compared with our means, or with that laid upon other congregations of similar size. As the close of the Synodical year approaches, the question that concerns the pastor all the year through, Will we raise our apportionment, increases in interest. He is glad to be able to say now he believes that we will.

Our apportionment for the year is $352.80. Our Secretary herein reports $284.04 of this received up to July First. A considerable amount has since been paid, and the August and September collections are yet to be received. Let these be liberal, and there is no question of success this year. And that too without the pressure of special appeals and collections.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL PICNIC.

Wednesday, August 7th, has been chosen as the day, and Railway Park as the place, for our annual congregational outing under the auspices of the Sunday-School. We hope that there will be a very general attendance and universal enjoyment. The smaller children will be conveyed to the Park in wagons, as usual, but must meet at the Church for this purpose not later than eight o'clock. Families are requested to send all baskets to the Church not later than half-past eight.

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THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Our Church now extends from the tlantic to the Golden Gate, compris-g 23 Synods, and 146,556 communi-nts. There have been nearly 30,000 cessions during the last two years, a t increase of 11,846 members. There e indications of growth and prosper-y in nearly all the Synods and many them show marked indications of iritual life and power. In making brief survey of the entire field we ad many things not as we would ve them, yet many more which call deep gratitude and profound rec-nition of that Divine Providence hich is opening up the way for in-eased usefulness and greater reward.

1. THE MINISTRY.

There is among our ministers a higher degree of unity than has prevailed at any time since the earlier years of the General Synod. There is no dividing line that separates any section of our Church from the others. We know no east, no west, as such, but the unity of the Spirit is being promoted more and more throughout all the States, Synods and congregations.

We are not distracted by any doctrinal disputations. Our ministers are content to look upon our confession as settled, and there is no disposition to fritter away the energies of the Church in clamor for revision or

restatement of doctrine. It is, indeed, true, that there are differences of opinion as to the extent of forms of worship, but touching these things there remains in accordance with the genius of our Church a disposition to concede to all the exercise of that liberty in which the unity of the Spirit may best be kept.

CHURCH LIFE.

While our churches are by no means free from worldly practices which retard spiritual growth and hinder individual piety, still there are features of encouragement which lead us to hope for better things in the days to come. There have been large accessions all over the Church, and the increase in membership has added much strength to many of our weaker congregations, and especially to those in our mission fields. There is a widening of outlook — a pressing forth in the way of advancement, which betokens larger results and richer triumphs. There is an increasing spirit of devotion to the things which belong to us, a deepening of Christian and Lutheran consciousness accompanied by regret for all manner of shortcoming and failure in religious activities. The church life is not only evidenced by renewed activity in the different spheres of Christian work, but also by the large number of young men who are preparing themselves for the gospel ministry. Two years ago pastors and church officers were requested by the General Synod to pray for and select young men in their fields, who they believe should prepare for the ministry, and in public and in private lay upon them their responsibility and privilege. Many young men have already entered college and others are waitin to be helped in the way. Thus has ever been. As the spiritual life of congregation increases young me come forth called of God to preac the gospel of the kingdom.

HOME MISSIONS.

Each year is marked by deeper in terest in the planning of new churche The Home Mission Board alone ha organized twenty-six new congrega tions since our last meeting, an twenty-six new mission churches hav been built. The Board of Home Mi sions and Church Extension have pr sented such reports as will not onl be of deep interest to the Church, b will secure greater confidence in th management of our Boards and a mo hearty co-operation in Home Missio work. These are days of encourag ment and days of hopefulness. R sults that surprise us have been s cured on every hand. One fifth the churches aided have become se sustaining during the last two yesr Our missionaries are active, courag ous and hopeful, at the same tim quietly and uncomplainingly maki sacrifices with the people they serv rendering faithful and successful se vice for Christ and His Church.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Mission in Africa has become power for good on the western side the Dark Continent. Timely improv ments have been made on the Missi farms, and the number of pupils the schools, and also the number communicants has been steadily i creasing. The influence of this m sion is extended far beyond the ter tory thus far occupied. It has be pronounced by other denominations

Model Mission in Africa. All honor to the noble band of Christian workers who have accomplished so much with such limited resources!

In India, as in Africa, the work has prospered greatly during the past few years. We sometimes forget that there are more than one-fifth as many congregations in our India Mission, as there are in the General Synod. The work is encouraging; the missionaries are united; the India College will soon be built, and work on the hospital will not long be delayed. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions, like those of the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, shows larger contributions, more accessions, and a more hopeful condition of the work than has ever been presented before.

BENEVOLENCE.

There are happy signs of growing liberality in a large part of the territory of the General Synod. Larger amounts are being given by our wealthy people, while the poor are doing much to help in carrying on the missionary and benevolent work of the Church. Probably the best work is being done in the Sunday-Schools, where the children are taught the blessedness of giving and have opportunity to learn many things about the great missionary woak of the times. The children are being trained in benevolence and mission work, which is sure to produce the most blessed results in the years to come. But few of us can yet say we have done what we could. Our growth in benevolence has indeed been marvelous, but the resources we have not developed are greater than those which have been employed in the Master's service.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

For many years our educational work moved very slowly and our colleges languished from lack of endowment and necessary buildings. But in the last few years almost every college in the Church has received some degree of substantial help. At Gettysburg and Wittenberg there are new buildings, erected or in process of erection, that cost large sums of money already provided by good stewards of the Lord. Those having oversight of our institutions are greatly encouraged by the aid thus far received. The new college in the west has been opened, and it is devoutly hoped that the fine prospect there, as well as the new movement in Carthage, will receive the most liberal encouragement, so that these colleges too may soon rank with their sister institutions in other parts of the land.

Upon the whole, while regretting our mistakes, and repenting of our shortcomings, we should devoutly thank the Lord of the vineyard for all that we have been permitted to do for Him. He has been merciful—he has been patient with us, and at the same time has blessed our efforts, and rewarded us far beyond that which we might justly expect from Him. And now He has set the open door of opportunity before us, and bids us enter and possess a rich heritage. He offers us His Spirit, and will give us power from on high if we will use it in His name for the extension of His kingdom in the world.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

"The fifth biennial Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society assembled in Baltimore, June 5, 1889, with a large attendance of ladies from all parts of the Church. The facts brought before the Convention with regard to work and progress both for the two years just passed, and for the first decade of the Society's existence, were such as cannot fail to awaken in all hearts a deeper feeling of respect and honor for our noble women and also a deeper gratitude to Almighty God for the blessing and prosperity which have attended this branch of our Church work. The growth in membership as well as in gifts has been remarkable in every particular. At the convention at Altoona in 1881 there were 151 Auxiliary Societies reported, and at the Baltimore convention 507. The membership in 1881 was reported as numbering 4009, in 1889 it is 13,801. Eight years ago the receipts were reported to be $7,067.95, while the last report shows the receipts to have been $32,331.31. The decennial thank-offering amounted to about $6,000, while the total receipts for the first ten years of the Society's existence amount to the magnificent sum of $103,627.03.

It is to be deeply regretted that more than half of our congregations continue to deny themselves the gracious privilege of the leavening power of woman's work for missions. In a survey of our mission work throughout the Church the fact is apparent everywhere that the large surplus contributions come from those congregations in which there is the greatest activity on the part of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies."

OUR APPEARANCE.

Appearances are sometimes deceitful, often deceitful, but not always so. A man's habitual appearance is usually some index of character, and the external condition of a house of worship certainly impresses the passer-by with certain convictions as to the character of those who statedly assemble within it. What do you think the front of our Church would indicate to a stranger concerning our character? I am afraid that such an one looking at the blistered paint and weather-beaten steeple, and searching in vain for any tablet to inform him even of our name — would say to himself — the people who worship there must be a careless set. But he would say so without knowledge, and would grievously misjudge as progressive a congregation as our city contains. None have regretted the unattractive condition of our Church exterior more than we, but not every one knows, though our citizens do, how many other projects have demanded our attentiou and our contributions first. We have chafed under the restraint, the more so as we realized how much our appearance misrepresented our character.

But that day is past. That which has done good service, but has outlived its day, will soon be removed, and a modern structure will be erected in its stead which cannot but commend itself to all persons of good taste and give to strangers a better basis of judgment concerning our character.

We have already some funds in and which have been secured for this purpose and these will now be steadily increased. The first movement in this line is the lifting of a special envelope collection monthly for a term of six months — the time being the *Third Sabbath.* Two such collections have already been received. If the other four are liberal enough no further or different efforts need be put forth. We await developments with interest.

Sunday, September First, we have the last opportunity as a congregation, to contribute for Missions during the present Synodical year. It is likely also that the contributions of that day will decide the question whether or not we shall raise the full amount for which we are asked. Having done so for the last two years, we should certainly be ashamed to fail now, after a year in which God has so signally blessed us with increase of membership. Our last Report, issued in The English Lutheran for July, shows that a number have given nothing for Missions in the last nine months. While this number is not large, it should have been much smaller — for we believe there is scarcely one person in the congregation who was absolutely unable to have given something, however little, in that time.

Now is the time to begin to do better. Be more ashamed to give nothing than to give only a little. Your contributions will then be acknowledged in our next (or January) Report and if they are as much as you can give in this particular direction, you will have the commendation of conscience for having done your part. And besides the earthly record there will be a record on high. It is this after all about which we should feel chiefly concerned.

We *expect* to raise the full apportionment this year as usual, but we expect to do it by the help of *your contribution*, reader, upon Sunday, September First.

MARCHING ORDERS.

The Duke of Wellington was once confronted by a minister of the Established Church, who was unfriendly to the prosecution of foreign missions. The usual objections were presented, the work to be at home, the expense and the unproductiveness of the labor. He declared in substance that it did not pay to attempt the world's evangelization.

The Iron Duke fastened his eyes on the shallow-minded quibbler, and repeated the words, "Go ye into *all the world* and preach the gospel to every creature," adding, with an accentuation we cannot reproduce, "There Sir, are your MARCHING ORDERS!" This old soldier had learned the lesson, that it was not the province of the subaltern to question the wisdom of the superior; it was not the business of the leader of the forlorn hope, even, to argue with the commander-in-chief as to the contingencies of defeat, or the possible advantages of victory. It was simply to receive commands and to obey them. He would have this lily-handed knight understand, that the Captain of salvation having formed the plan of the world's redemption without his advice, did not now ask his criticism, but commanded his obedience, unquestioningly.

There has been frequent occasion, since the day of Wellington, to rebuke this reluctance to obey Marching Orders; to expose the indifference or opposition to Christian Missions yet lingering in the hearts of some who nominally are followers of Christ. I am not arguing the obligation, so much as the privilege of missionary service. The normal instinct of a renewed soul is that of active gratitude to God. To enforce obedience there is no need of argument, still less of menace. It is the natural impulse of a converted soul. The new life is a life of love. "Lord, what wilt thou have me TO DO? is the first, irrepressible outgoing of the soul. We love him because he first loved us. What can we do for him.

Paul packs his logic into a paragraph, "If Christ died for all, then were all dead, and that he died for all that they who live should not hencefforth live unto themselves, but unto him who died for them." As the rescued sailor, snatched from the sinking wreck, whispered, "There's one more man left!', so the saved soul instinctively longs to go forth into the world to save other souls from the death from which it has been delivered.

More teachers wanted for the Sunday-School. Will not some of our Church members take the matter in thoughtful and prayerful consideration and offer themselves as workers in this part of the vineyard? God has done so much for us; what have we done for him?

Rev. A. R. Bartholomew of the Reformed Church of this place, and Rev. G. M. Brown, of the Lutheran Church of Minersville, filled our pulpit at the morning services of the 21st and 28th of July with great acceptance to our people. The pastor was absent for part of his annual vacation.

TOPICS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

These pages are intended in part as a correct record of the principal current events in congregational life. We supply below the only break that has occurred in the record of topics and leaders of our Young People's Meetings. It is gratifying to note that these services have continued with unabated interest throughout the summer.

May 26.—The Corner Stone 1 Peter 2: 1-7. H. P. NAGLE.
June 2.—The Review. Psa. 71: 17. S. M. ENTERLINE.
" 9.—The Home. Jno. 14: 1-2. Isa. 32: 18. WM. K. PARKER.
" 16.—The Preparation. Mat. 24: 44. E. J. SKELLY.
" 23.—Grief at Sin Mark 3: 5. O. P. WHITMAN.
" 30.—The Crown. Isa. 28: 5. G. M. RISHEL.
July 7.—Pleasing God. John 8: 29. J. H. HELWIG.
" 14.—Love to the Brethren. Eph. 5: 2. H. S. STERNER.
" 21.—Committing our Way to God. 1 Peter 2: 23. S. M. ENTERLINE.
" 28.—Benevolence. Acts 10: 38. O. P. WITMAN.
Aug. 4.—The Song. Rev. 5: 9. H. P. NAGLE.
" 11.—The Object. Isa. 33: 18. T. M. MORGART.
" 18.—The Prospect. Psa. 17: 15. E. J. SKELLY.
" 25.—The Promised Return. John 14: 3. H. P. NAGLE.
Sept. 1.—The Immutable Pledge. John 14: 19. S. M. ENTERLINE.
" 8.—The Joyful Transformation. John 16: 20. WM. K. PARKER.
" 15.—The Gracious Invitation. Matt. 11: 28. E. J. SKELLY.

EDICATION OF NEW COLLEGE BUILDING.

The new building for Pennsylvania llege, Gettysburg, Pa, will be dedi-ced on Wednesday, September 11th, at 2.30 p. m.—the first of the "Pennsylvania Days" on the battlefield. The address will be delivered by Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick, Attorney General of Pennsylvania, and the ceremony of dedication will be conducted by M. Valentine, D. D., LL. D., ex-president of the college. There will be excursion rates on all railroads.

We have been highly gratified by a recent visit from our friend Rev. W. W. Anstadt, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Huntingdon, Pa., and he well deserved the cordial appreciation of his services last Sabbath which was manifested and expressed by many of our people. He has a clear head and a good heart, and we sincerely hope that the Lutherans of Huntingdon will have the grace and gumption to stand by him to a man, and aid him in effecting contemplated improvements in their Church property. Brother Anstadt, come again!

The Womens' Missionary Society will meet on Wednesday evening, August 26th, at half-past seven o'clock in the Church Parlor. A full attendance is urged as it is the last meeting before making out the year's report for the General Meeting at Harrisburg upon the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of September.

SECRETARY ELECTED.

We are pleased to announce the acceptance by the Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, of Chambersburg, Pa., of the General Secretaryship of the Board of Home Missions, to which position he was elected at the July meeting of the Board. He will enter upon his duties on October 1st.

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Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

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Miss Mary Faus,	Mrs. Mary Shum,
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Miss Agnes Johnson,	Mrs. Martha Wolfinger.

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Children's Missionary Society.

Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meeting the Sabbath nearest the Thirty-first of October.

Literary Society.

Organized April 28, 1886.

Meets twice a month. Dues Ten Cents a month. Other obligations:— To meet all appointments or submit to a fine for the benefit of the Treasury.

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Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized December 15, 1886.

Meetings on the Second and Third Wednesday of each month. Regular dues, Ten Cents a month.

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Organized, November 27, 1887. Meetings the Second and Fourth Saturday Afternoons of each month, at 2.30, in the Infant Room.

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Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

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The Secretary desires to state that $3.50 contributed to the General Fund was credited to Mrs. Harry Hight which should have been credited to Mrs. Harry Wilde, in the last Report. The mistake was made through the similarity of names. Person contributing should always use an envelope, and such mistakes as the one referred to would not occur.

J. H. Helwig, Sec.

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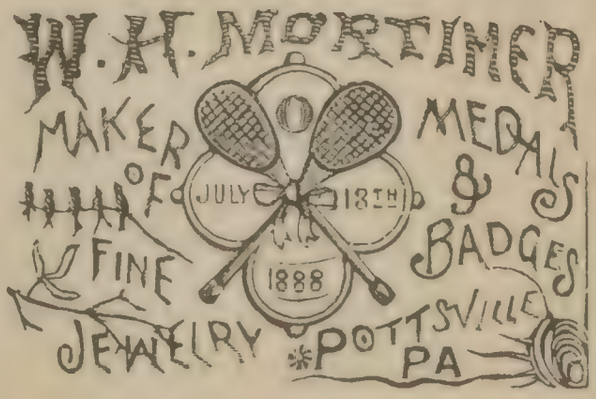

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BOYS WANTED.

A wealthy man recently gave $5,000 to the cause of missions. He did not feel the gift. It was but a fraction of his annual income. The papers announced the gift all over the land, and held it up as a deed worthy of great praise.

A lowly, pious, God-fearing couple, after months of prayer and inquiring of God, recently gave their dearly beloved and only son to the same cause, and pledged all their worldly goods as his support while preparing him for his calling. The papers said nothing of it. The parents said nothing of it. It was done "in secret."

And yet, reckoned on a purely commercial basis, which of the two is the more valuable gift? To put the question is to furnish the answer. Every one such young man, coming from such a home, consecrated to Christ by such parents, is worth more to the cause he serves, than ten times the $5,000 gift of the man who does not feel it.

And this serves to point the fact that our mission work is proceeding largely upon a wrong basis. We are placing too high a value upon money. The sordid spirit which reckons a man's worth by the dollars he controls, figures too largely in our calculations. Everywhere the appeal is for money, money, money; as if that were the one thing needful.

Now, it isn't. The one thing needful in the mission work of the Lutheran Church to-day is—men, men devoted to Christ; conscientious, aggressive, capable men. Place such men where you will on mission ground, and the money will come. And it will not come without them; or, if it does come it had as well not. The money and men go together, and the one is useless without the other.

But we are without the men. Hundreds of them are needed. Where, and how, can they be gotten? Dr. Jacobs solves the question thus:

"Let every intelligent family among us, seek to place a representative, and that the very choicest, in the ministry. Much as we need money we need students more. The limit to our Church's growth in America is only the limit of earnest, self-denying, efficient young men who enter the ministry."

To every word of this we would say a hearty Amen. We must begin with the boys. Thousands of them, in the Lutheran Church in America, have the qualities fitting them for the work. The Fall sessions of our Church schools will soon open. Let every congregation have several students there.

Boys, if you'd like to go to college, talk to your parents or your pastor about it. Do so at once.

Parents, make the most of what God has entrusted to you. It costs but little more to keep a boy in a Church school than to keep him at home. Throw no stumbling-block in the way of your son's honorable ambition. Lutheran boys are for the Lutheran ministry. Perhaps yours is one of them.—*The Young Lutheran.*

DELEGATES.

Miss Katie Dentzer, President o our Women's Missionary Society, an Mrs. Hay, its Corresponding Secre tary, have been chosen as Delegate to the Tenth Annual Convention o the Synodical Women's Missionary Society. Its sessions will be held upon the 24th, 25th and 26th of the present month in the First Lutheran Church of Harrisburg, Rev. Dr. D. M Gilbert, pastor.

SYNOD.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Conven tion of the East Pennsylvania Syno will be held from the 18th to the 24t of September inclusive, in the Luther an Church of Steelton, Pa., Rev. M. L Hocker, pastor.

We are highly gratified to be abl to give a good report of the liberalit of the congregation in its contribu tions for missions. We have exceede our apportionment. We were aske to raise $352.80. We will be able t report $374.64.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

AUGUST 23, 1889.

Susan Edna Reichert.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1889.

George William Kienzle.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1889.

Edward Smith Brobst.

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AUGUST 28, 1889.

Mrs. Margaret Huntzinger.

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SEPTEMBER 5, 1889.

Mr. Jesse G. Dewald,
Miss Nellie M. Falls.

OUR CHURCH HISTORY.

That was certainly a very kind notice, in a recent Chronicle, of our little enterprise, in the interests of the Church, in the publication of its History. An effort of this character always meets with the hearty commendation of the thoughtful. We are glad to state that most of the families in the congregation are already supplied with a copy of this History, and that we will still be able, for a short time at least, to furnish others on demand. Price, $1.00.

We wish to emphasize our statement that this enterprise is in the interests of the Church. Not pecuniarly, for the expense of publication precludes this unless demand should far exceed reasonable expectations; but in the line of increasing devotion to the Church which such knowledge is calculated to awaken.

Our success in raising our apportionment this year without any special appeal from the pulpit such as has been needed toward the end of other years, is due, we think, to several causes. First, the change, introduced in the course of the year, from a quarterly to a monthly collection for this purpose. Second, the fidelity with which The English Lutheran has kept pressing these objects upon the hearts of our people. Third, the leavening influence of the spirit of missions as it lives in the hearts of our Women's Missionary Society and Mission Band. And finally the large addition to our membership at our Easter Communion. Upon each one received the pastor urged the importance of becoming an immediate and regular contributor, and in their cheerful response he has his abundant reward.

It is but natural for us to suppose that Synod will henceforth expect from an enlarged membership a larger aggregate amount. It is perfectly right that it should. Nor do we fear that the congregation will give anything but a glad response, rejoicing in increasing ability to send forth the light of divine truth to such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of our General Synod do not fall into the hands of many of our members, and yet they contain the history of our Church's remarkable progress as it is seldom elsewhere portrayed. We took occasion last month to present the substance of several important reports that are contained in the last copy, and rejoice that we have so ready a medium as these pages afford, of bringing these important facts to the knowledge of every member of the Church and every child in our Sunday-School. For the same reason our readers may expect liberal quotations from the same source in the future.

The pastor and his delegate will be entertained during the meeting of Synod, at the residence of brother S. S. Newcomer. He is now married and living in Steelton where we are glad to learn he is prospering. His activity and usefulness as Assistant Superintendent while with us has not been forgotton.

The Sewing Circle meets on the 18th instant, at the residence of Mrs. H. H. Hill.

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Prayer meeting, conducted by the Pastor, on Thursday evening at 7.30.

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DEAD, YET SPEAKING.

"The elder Harms, the founder of th Hermannsberg Missionary Society, dead now twenty years or more; bu the work he began while in life sti goes on. "Being dead, he yet speaks. His works follow him and tell tha faith is not dead. They show what possible to them that believe—that b faith men can remove mountains.

That an humble Lutheran congrega tion, made up of humble people, an led by an humble pastor, should foun a missionary society and sustain it fo over fifty years; that they should erec two mission houses in which to trai missionaries; that they should have force of 350 workers teaching Gospe Truth in heathen lands, and have ther a baptized membership of over 10,00 in half a hundred missions; that the should do this work to-day at an annua cost of over $40,000—this is a story o success in doing the Lord's work tha almost passes belief! Yet it is don No one denies that. The living evider ces of it stand before the eyes of men

Over at Hermansberg are the Missio Houses, surrounded by the 400 acres o land now owned by the Society, and i the Houses are the teachers and th students who are in training for th work. Off in Africa, India, Australia New Zealand and far-off Tartary ar the Mission stations, with their Missio pastors and teachers and disciples, vi ible evidences of the power of the work even though the one who planned it a has been gathered home to the father for years.

Through these works the elde Harms to-day speaks to us of the pow er of faith—of what can be done by a earnest pastor and an earnest people t make the kingdoms of this world th kingdoms of our Lord and of hi Christ."

OUR ANNUAL REPORT.

In addition to the statistical statement which the pastor must annually make before the Synod, a part of which is elsewhere given in these pages, he is also called upon to render a report of the State of the Church. It will doubtless be of interest to our readers to know just what we propose to say concerning this, unless intervening events should require some alterations thereof. We intend to report the State of the Church during the past year as Prosperous, Peaceful, and Progressive.

PROSPEROUS, in that we have completed the new building for our Infant School which was in process of erection during the last convention of Synod, have paid for it in full, have met all other current expenses with promptitude, and have exceeded our apportionment. Prosperous spiritually, in that we have shared in the influences for good that have gone out from a series of union evangelistic meetings conducted in our community, have admitted ninety-one persons to membership, an increase over all losses of fifty-eight, and have enjoyed a better attendance at both the regular services and the weekly prayer-meeting.

PEACEFUL, in that we have done all things without murmurings or disputings.

PROGRESSIVE in various particulars. Our Young Men's Christian Association has been better organized for efficient work, has sustained with fidelity and increasing encouragement the Sabbath Evening Meeting for both sexes, and has successfully organized and been materially assisted by a Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Sixty-Three members. It is the assigned duty of the latter, through its ward committees, to visit new families moving into the community, ascertaining their Church connection or preferences, and to notify the pastor of the same; to visit the sick of the congregation and inform the pastor promptly of any illness among the membership of which he may not know. These duties they have been performing with alacrity, a partial report of their activity since their organization upon the 19th of January showing a total of 198 visits to the sick alone. They also sustain a monthly business meeting and semi-monthly prayer-meeting of their own. The Association has also taken as active and as large a part as members of our other congregations in the organization of a general Christian Association which is already doing excellent work in the community. The Sunday-School in all departments has been carried onward with vigor, the attendance during the Summer season being very large. The contributions are a decided advance upon those of two years ago, though less than those of last year when several special efforts were made to secure funds for the new Infant School Room.

The English Lutheran, our congregational paper, has also been sustained without expense to our General Fund and has proved quite a helper in all lines of Church work. The contract has just been given for the erection of a new steeple after plans by an excellent architect. We have told you thus of the bright side of our work. We never look on the dark one. It don't pay.

A JOYFUL TRANSFORMATION.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice, and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."—JOHN 16:20.

"Christ's people are a sorrowing people! Chastisement is their badge—'great tribulation' is their appointed discipline. When they enter the gates of glory, He is represented as wiping away tears from their eyes. But, weeping ones, be comforted! Your Lord's special mission to earth—the great errand He came from Heaven to fulfill, was 'to bind up the broken hearted.' Your trials are meted out by a tender hand.

He knows you too well—He loves you too well—to make this world tearless and sorrowless! 'There must be rain, and hail, and storm, in the saints' cloud.'

Were your earthly course strewed with flowers, and did nothing but sunbeams play around your dwelling, it would lead you to forget your nomadic life,—that you are but a sojourner here. The tent must at times be struck, pin by pin of the movable tabernacle taken down, to enable you to say and to feel in the spirit of a pilgrim, 'I desire a better country.' Meantime, while sorrow is your portion, think of Him who says, 'I know your sorrows.' Angels cannot say so—they cannot sympathize with you, for trial is a strange word to them.

But there is a mightier than they who *can*. All he sends you and appoints you is in love.

There is a provision and condition wrapt up in the bosom of every affliction—'if need be'; coming from his hand, sorrows and riches are to his people convertible terms. If tempted to murmur at their trials, they are often murmuring against disguised mercies. 'Why do you ask me,' said one upon his death bed, 'what I like? I am the Lord's patient—I cannot but like everything.'

And then—'your sorrow shall be turned into joy.' 'The morning cometh'—that bright morning when the dew-drops collected during earth's night of weeping shall sparkle in its beams, when in one blessed moment a lifelong experience of trial will be effaced and forgotten, or remembered only by contrast, to enhance the fullness of the joys of immortality. What a revelation of gladness! The map of time disclosed, and every little rill of sorrow, every river, will be seen to have been flowing heavenward,—every rough blast to have been sending the bark nearer the haven! In that joy, God himself will participate. In the last 'words of Jesus' to his people when they are standing by the triumphal archway of glory, ready to receive their thrones and crowns, He speaks of their joy as if it were all his own, 'enter ye into the joy of your Lord.'

Dear friends! May this joy be yours! Sit loose to the world's joys. Have a feeling of chastened gratitude and thankfulness when you have them; but beware of resting in them or investing them with a permanency they cannot have. Jesus had his eyes on heaven when he added, 'Your joy no man taketh from you.'"

"Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

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From J. G. M.

1. No man, since the Apostles' times, has taught more scripturally and distinctly, the doctrine of Justification.
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4. No man ever gave a clearer view of the holy sacraments.
5. No man ever illustrated more impressively the nature of the church and our obligations to it.
6. No man ever furnished the church with more devotional heart-stirring hymns and prayers.
7. No man ever more forcibly expounded the Christian duties of men in every relation of life.
8. No man ever contributed more to the cause of popular education.

In a word, he was the founder of every institution that in these modern days contribute to the moral and intellectual well-being of mankind.

LUTHERANS IN THE WORLD.

It was understood by our readers, we trust, that the statement in our last issue concerning the extent of our Church had reference merely to that portion of it embraced within the limits of our General Synod. The following statistics present a wider outlook. Of Lutheran people, Germany has 27,600,000; Sweden, 4,545,000; Denmark, 1,957,000; Norway, 1,910,000; Finland, Russia, 2,028,000; Baltic Provinces, Russia, 1,475,552; Hungary, 1,123,508; Austria, 243,766; Old Russia, 433,809; Poland, Russia, 300,000; France, 80,000; Holland, 68,700; Iceland, 70,000; Great Britain, 24,000; Italy, 3,089; Roumania and Servia, 7,567; Switzerland, 11,095; Total in Europe, 41,880,165; Asia, 88,769; Africa, 76,532; Australia, 100 170; North America, 5,210,000, South America, 9,550; in the world, 47,451,136; served by 25,452 ministers in 33,693 Churches.

TOPICS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

Sept. 22.— Sympathy. John 11: 35.
G. C. Welker.

Sept. 29.— Prayerfulness. Luke 6: 12.
G. M. Rishel.

Oct. 6.— Forgiveness of Injuries. Luke 6: 12.
J. H. Helwig.

Oct. 13.— Activity in Duty. John 9: 4.
H. S. Sterner.

PINE-DALE.

We are always glad to see the smiling countenance of our genial friend Mrs. Frank Spohn among us. The Sewing Circle decided to hold their annual wagon party while she was here to add, if possible, to the pleasure of her recent visit. On the 13th of August, after a delightful drive full of incidents too numerous to mention, they enjoyed a sumptuous repast at Pine-Dale, and spent the remainder of the day in that beautiful locality as only lovers of nature can.

The contributions of the Women's Missionary Society and Mission Band last year were $30.30, of which the Mission Band gave $11.00. This year the Society alone contributes $34.41 and the Mission Band $20.00. Good!

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Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

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North-East Ward:—Mrs. H. H. Hill with Mrs. L. F. Heller, Mrs. Charles Snyder, Mrs. Geo. Rishel, Sr., and Mrs. O. P. Witman.

North and Seventh Wards:— Miss Carrie Gross with Miss Elsie Hartline.

OUR STATISTICAL REPORT

To Synod for the year will contain, among others, the following facts: Losses to membership by death, eight; by certificate, two; in other ways, twenty-three. Gain in membership by adult baptism, eleven; by confirmation, forty-six; by certificate or without, thirty-four. We reported last year a membership of 455. This loss of thirty-three and gain of ninety-one makes our present membership five hundred and thirteen. There have been forty-seven children baptized during the year.

The Pastor will be absent at Synod on Sunday, September 22nd. There will therefore be no morning or evening service. The Sunday-School and Young People's Meeting should be well attended.

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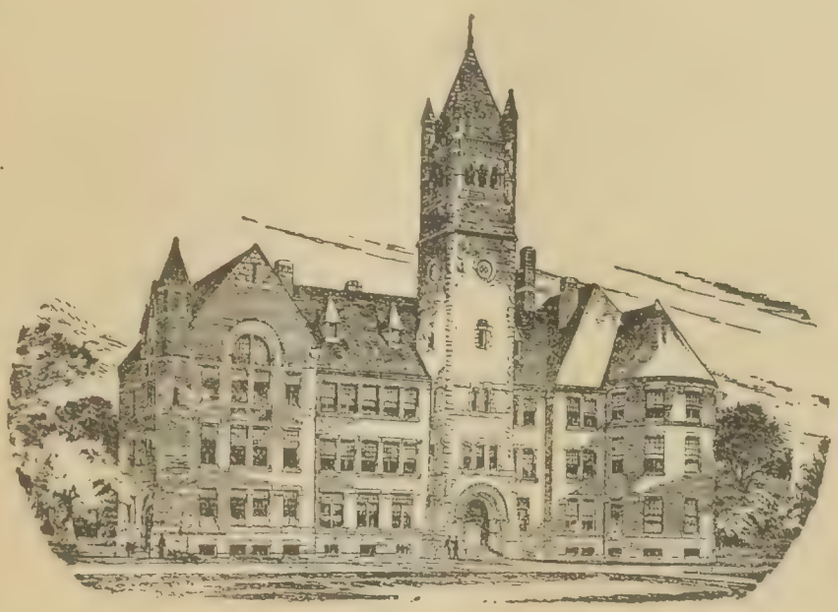


NEW COLLEGE BUILDING, GETTYSURG, PA.

DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1889.

NOTHING is so sure an index of the prosperity of a Church and so ure a prophecy of an influential fu- ure as the measure of interest she akes in her Literary and Theological astitutions. The magnificent New ollege Building just erected at Get- ysburg and dedicated free of debt on he Eleventh of September, and the rua Memorial Chapel now in pro- ess of erection, are an evidence of a road liberality and far sighted saga- ity on the part of the trustees and atrons of Pennsylvania College, that rings joy to the heart of every intel- gent member of our Church. It is me also for our people everywhere awake to the fact that our Theolog- ical Institution there should soon re- ceive a similar equipment. We hope ere long to see a new structure there which shall be worthy of our great Church, and equal to all the increas- ing demands of the hour.

It is with great pleasure that we present to our readers representations of the new buildings which grace the College Campus and adorn at the same time the greatest and most largely visited battle-field of modern times.

Governor Beaver presided over the exercises of the dedication of the Col- lege Building. He expressed his pleasure at being present and his grat- ification at the fine appearance and first-class character of the structure.

He emphasized the value of the true "American College," of which Pennsylvania College was a true type, as over against the pretentious so-called University, which in many cases was little else than a sham. He thought that much more was accomplished by twenty-five or thirty genuine Colleges scattered here and there over the State, than by only four or five larger institutions calling themselves Universities but not doing the work of Universities or reaching out with their benefits to so many young men.

After prayer by Dr. F. W. Conrad, Mr. John E. Græff, the President of the College Board, stated that before they proceeded further he would like to have subscriptions to the amount of $20,000: $14,000 to cover the balance due on the building and $6,000 to purchase the necessary furniture. In less than half an hour the amount was pledged. Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick, Attorney General of Pennsylvania, delivered an appropriate oration, and Rev. Dr. Milton Valentine, Ex-President of the College and President of the Theological Seminary, performed the act of Dedication, and delivered the keys of the building to the President of the College, Rev. Dr. H. W. McKnight. He accepted the trust in the following language, terminating the exercises of this great occasion:

"In receiving from you, as the representative of the Board of Trustees, the keys of this noble building for the use of the College, I cannot refrain from expressing my unfeigned gratification that an addition so grand has been made to the means of broad and thorough teaching in the institution.

I do but voice the feelings of my colleagues in the Faculty, when I re turn most hearty thanks to the Boar of Trustees for inaugurating the move ment to provide these needed facili ties, and to those kind and generou friends who by their liberal contribu tions of money have supported th undertaking and crowned it wit success.

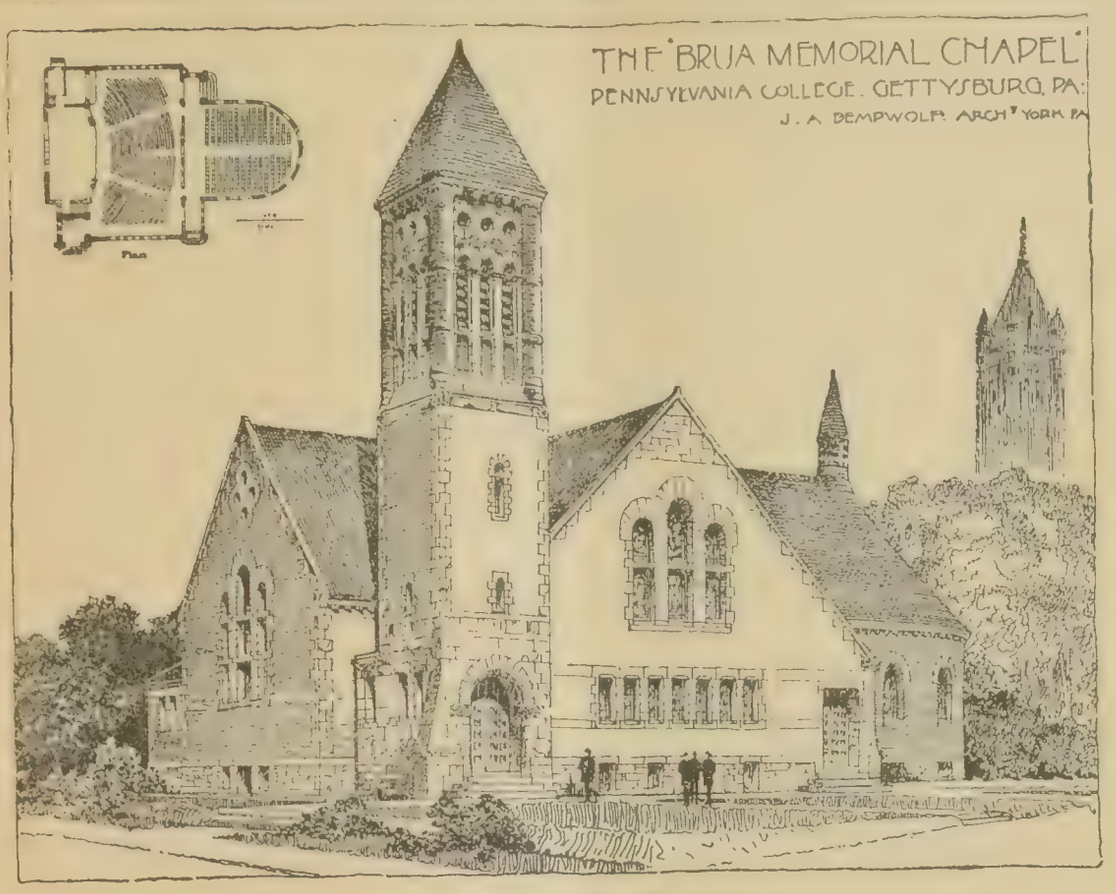
We believe that the completion this splendid edifice will mark a ne era in the history of the College, an give deserved enlargement to a wor which for more than half a centur has unceasingly and well served th Church and State.

We are confident that, under Go the results of the movement so a spiciously consummated this day wi more than compensate all who hav helped it, and prove, as the years g by, that by encouraging the cause Christian education they have p their money to the noblest use which wealth can be dedicated. W therefore, gladly and gratefully acce this new trust, and promise to guar and administer it with humble fi delity."

SYNOD.

We had a delightful meeting Synod at Steelton and enjoyed grea ly the sessions of The Women's Mis sionary Convention at Harrisbur Want of space in this issue forbids detailed account of our experience.

At the meeting of East Pennsylv nia Synod, brother Edward Fox w chosen by that body as one of its se en representatives in the Board of D rectors of the Theological Seminary Gettysburg, Pa.



BRUA MEMORIAL CHAPEL, GETTYSBURG, PA.

THE building, whose name and ground-plan are given in the above representation, will soon be dedicated with the following services: Charles A. Hay, D. D., will preach the sermon, and the ceremony of dedication will be conducted by H. W. McKnight, D. D., president of the College. Eli Huber, D. D., will preach the evening sermon.

THAT NEW STEEPLE.

The faith that has thus far sustained those who have been looking for this improvement will soon be rewarded with vision. The contract has been awarded the well known and capable firm of Weed & Saylor, and at the time of writing, while no materials for its construction appear in Garfield Square, they are rapidly being prepared at the Planing-Mill, and it will not take long to put them in place when the old tower is once down. Live in hopes of seeing it, my brother, as we do in the belief you will be pleased with its artistic design and Churchly appearance.

A BAD PRACTICE.

Or one at least which gives the Secretary additional trouble, is that which some of our people have of trying to enclose their Communion Cards in the Envelopes which contain their contributions. As the card of each bears his own name this is unnecessary. It doesn't improve the looks or wearing qualities of the card, and they are supposed to last each person for some time, being returned after each communion to be used again until too much soiled. Please remember our request in the future and place them on the collection plates at the proper time *with* but not *in* your envelopes.

INFANT SCHOOL ROOM.

When we dedicated this building last October, a large portion of money needed to pay for it was already on hand. The balance was in subscriptions, the most of which were good, and were paid prior to July First of this year. We paid all bills shortly after this, drawing for the purpose, as shown in our last Report, $52.50 from the General Fund. Outstanding subscriptions are due, therefore, to this fund, and should be paid to the Treasurer, brother Edward Fox, as promptly as possible.

We present herewith a statement of the cost of the building and the sources from which the money was received. Under the head of Subscriptions we acknowledge also all the money received from the Sunday-School Scholars, which they collected during the month of July, 1888, in small wooden barrels, and which amounted to $113.78. The furnishing of the Room required $70.42 additional, making the total cost of the furnished building $1,403.54.

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Heller, Eddie	1 20
Heller, George P.	2 00
Heller, Georgie	30
Heller, Mamie	35
Helwig, J. H.	6 00
Hill, Mrs. H. H.	10 40
Hill, Nellie	1 50
Hœpstine, J.	1 00

Hœpstine, Mrs. J.	1 00
Hoffman, Mrs. J. B.	2 50
Hoffman, Gertie	35
Hollenbach, J. K.	1 00
Hollenbach, Bessie	50
Holt, Robbie	1 20
Hoskins, Mattie	1 00
Howell, Mrs. R.	1 00
Howell, Minnie	50
Hubley, Emma	1 00
Huntzinger, Mrs. T. J.	1 00
Huntzinger, Dellie	12
Johnson, Agnes	1 30
K——, John H.	1 00
Kahley, H. C.	1 00
Keer, Mrs. J.	1 50
Keiser, Katie	81
Keller, Daniel	2 00
Kemp, Mrs. N.	1 00
Kershner, Charles	1 00
Kershner, Ida	30
Kinsey, A. C.	1 00
Kirk, Mrs. S.	25
Kirkley, John	5 00
Klare, Mrs. C.	1 00
Kline, Mrs Geo.	2 00
Koppf, Harry	22
Kriner, Mrs. H. W.	1 00
Laubenstine, Levi	2 00
Laubenstine, Carrie	2 10
Lee, A. E.	1 00
Lee, Mrs. A. E.	1 00
Lilly, Hattie	35
Loose, Almeda	2 00
Lord, Charles	5 00
Lord, Mrs. Henry	1 50
McDaniel, Mrs. W.	2 00
Michæl, M.	5 00
Michæl, Hattie	46
Miles, Mrs. W. H.	2 00
Miller, Frank	5 00
Miller, Dr. G. M.	5 00
Miller, Dr. C. D.	1 00
Miller, Mary	1 00
Miller, Mrs. Eliza	1 74
Miller, Mrs. F. P.	1 00
Montgomery, Mrs. T.	5 00
Morgan, Mrs. Mary	5 00
Morgart, T. M.	1 00
Mortimer, G. W.	15 00
Mortimer, Nellie	80
Mortimer, Mrs. F. P.	1 50
Morton, Jane	35
Moser, Michæl	5 00
Moyer, S. B.	1 00
Nagle, Mrs. E.	5 00
Nagle, Ellen	1 71
Nagle, Elsie	11
Nagle, Nellie E.	1 76
Nagle, Howard	1 00
Nagle, George W.	1 40
Newcomer, S. S.	11 00
Oxenford, Lena	25
Paul, Allen S.	3 00
Pflueger, F.	1 00
Pflueger, Laura	36
Phillips, Mrs. A. L.	5 00
Phillips, Mrs. Byron	2 00
Rabenau, Mrs. H.	50
Reber, Mrs. F.	2 50
Reber, Edward	40
Reed, Morgan	5 00
Reed, Emma	1 00
Reichert, J. H.	10 00
Reichert, Mrs. Edwd.	1 35
Reinhart, Willie	10
Rishel, George	5 50
Rishel, George M.	6 00
Rishel, Clinton	2 00
Rishel, Charles	1 00
Risheill, Mrs. A.	2 00
Robertson, Andrew	118 03
Rosengarten, W. H.	5 08
Rosengarten, Clara	2 50
Sabold, Mrs. Wm.	2 00
Sallada, Ira	10
Sands, Mrs. Wm. H.	2 00
Saylor, Mrs. Maria	50
Schrader, Louise	80
Schrader, Charlotte	74
Scott, H. L.	1 00
SECOND DEPARTMENT,	6 27
Seitzinger, Alma	1 00
Severn, I. H.	1 00
Sheetz, Mrs. C.	1 00
Shellhammer, James	5 25
Shock, Mrs. A.	2 00
Sheenaman, Mamie	20
Shollenberger, Mrs. A.	1 00
Shugars, H.	10 00
Skeen, Mrs. Joseph	1 00
Skelly, Willie	1 40
Smith, Mrs. Frank	1 50
Smith, Callie	50
Snyder, Mrs. Chas.	3 00
Snyder, Emily P.	2 19
Snyder, Carrie	50
Snyder, Katie	45
Snyder, Fannie	53
Snyder, Mamie	58
Sœll, Laura	29
Spæcht, F.	1 00
Spæcht, Mrs. F.	1 00
Spæcht, F. Jr.	1 01
Spehrley, Mrs. H.	1 00
Steinbach, Samuel	35
Sterner, H. S.	14 50
Sterner, A. W.	2 00
Sterner, R. F.	1 00
Sterner, Louis	1 01
Sterner, F. D.	1 00
Stevenson, Mrs. J. G.	1 00
Stichter, Valentine	3 00
Stichter, Mrs. H. E.	1 00
Stichter, Mamie	50
Stoffregen, Ida	1 75
Stoffregen, Carrie	50
Stoffregen, Mamie	1 09
Summons, Joseph	3 00
Teter, John	1 00
Thomas, Mary	1 50
Transue, Prof. G. A.	10 00
Uhler, J. H.	5 00
Ulmer, Jacob	10 00
Wagner, John	1 00
Watts, Lizzie	21
Weston, Robert G.	2 35
Weston, Robert Jr.	3 10
Weston, Elmer	75
Wiederhold, Emma	25
Wilde, Mrs. Geo.	5 00
Wildermuth, Mrs. A.	2 00
Williams, William R.	15 00
Williams, David L.	1 00
Williams, Mrs. D. L.	1 00
Williams, Thomas	50
Witman, Oscar P.	5 00
Wolfinger, Mrs. M.	3 55
Wright, Charles J.	1 00
Zeiders, Mrs. L. H.	2 00
Zimmerman, Ella	1 35
	$806 81

RECEIPTS.

From Strawberry Festival, June 1888,	$ 263	22
" Sunday School Treasury, - -	100	00
" The Literary Society, - -	40	00
" Mite Society, - - -	20	00
" Sinking Fund, - - -	30	76
" Basket Collection, Dedication Day, - - - -	19	83
" Subscriptions and Barrels, -	806	81
" General Fund, . - - -	52	50
	$1,333	12

EXPENDITURES.

Daniel Wintersteen, Excavation, -	$ 105	80
Wm. Boltz, Stone Work, - -	93	50
David Sterner, Stone Step, - -	1	25
Hiram Shugars, Tin Work, - -	57	50
Joseph Reichert, Labor, - -	15	63
A. S. Faust, Painting, - -	60	86
J. E. Fredericks, Carpenter Work, -	453	00
Geo. M. Smith & Son, Plumbing, -	101	50
William Reith, Stained Windows, -	59	39
Simon Derr, Cellar Grates, - -	8	04
Charles Adcock & Son, Brickwork, -	368	15
Mrs. Joseph Reichert, Scrubbing, -	1	00
Standard Pub. Co., Invitations, -	2	50
Distribution of Invitations and cost of Money Barrels, - - -	5	00
	$1,333	12

OFFICIAL RECORD.

RECEIVED.

OCTOBER 6th, 1889.

Miss Harriet Christian,
Miss Charlotte Christian,
Mrs. A. J. Heim,
Dr. C. D. Miller,
Mrs. Dr. C. D. Miller,
Mrs. John Rowe.

BAPTIZED.

SEPTEMBER 12th, 1889.

David Leroy Hughes.

SEPTEMBER 12th, 1889.

Charles George Bomm.

SEPTEMBER 16th, 1889.

Katie Elizabeth Eichenberg.

OCTOBER 2nd, 1889.

Leroy Womer.

OCTOBER 6th, 1889.

Clara Vera Gross.

MARRIED.

SEPTEMBER 10th, 1889.

Mr. Harry Evans,
Miss Margaret Goodwin.

SEPTEMBER 21st, 1889.

Mr. William M. Albright,
Miss Emily P. Snyder.

OCTOBER 10th, 1889.

Mr. Robert W. McGuigan,
Miss Clara Conrad.

BURIED.

SEPTEMBER 12th, 1889.

David Leroy Hughes.

SEPTEMBER 18th, 1889.

Leroy E. Reichert.

SEPTEMBER 29th, 1889.

James M. Hadesty.

OCTOBER 7th, 1889.

Mrs. Rosanna Gross.

OCTOBER, 9th, 1889.

Daniel M. Keller.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENT FUND.

The Treasurer reported $292 in th Church Improvement Fund, Octob First. This amount ought rapidly t grow now by the contributions con ing in on the Third Sundays of Oct ber, November and December. Le the birds come to hand and not sta too long on the bush. The reaso some people give comparatively littl is because they are *always intending* t do so. If you intend to do anythin toward this most worthy object, rea er, and you surely do if you are member of the Church or Sunda School, suppose you make a start an give something, if it be only a part what you intend to do. Just see ho much better you will feel at once. the Sunday mentioned does not su you, take any one that does. It wi be all the same to Council. Wh they want is the money for this obje and, by your leave, they will get it to

Women's Missionary Society wi meet in the Church Parlor, Wedne day October 30th, at 7.30 P. M.

RESUMED.

A resolution of the Sabbath-School aken a few years ago and carried out nly for a season, has been renewed That resolution was to devote the first collection of each month to the Benevlent work of the Church The only backward step taken deliberately by ny organization within the Church luring the present pastorate was that y the Officers and Teachers of the School when they changed the above esolution by deciding to give only ne half the above amount. It was lone during the pastor's absence, unler the plea of certain needs of the School at the time We have always egretted it and have earnestly hoped or a return to our original resolution. But it is always easier to stand still n our work than to move forward, nd the special plea under which the riginal plan was abolished has been ollowed by others in constant succesion until the present. We hope that he resolution as it now stands will be ermanent, and that "No Step Backvard" will be our motto for the future.

Our School has done nobly whenver properly encouraged, and the ord will surely hold us responsible s leaders in this work if we do less han the best we can to develop the ympathies and liberality of those ommitted to our care.

There is a mistaken impression pon the minds of a few, it seems, as o the object to which this money is evoted. It is not all given to either Home or Foreign Missions directly, n the specific sense of these words, nd yet it is so applied that, in its se, the Church is but carrying out er great mission — which is to win the world for Christ. The several objects will be explained this year to the School when the collections for each are about to be received. The collections will be as follows for the first few months :

In November, for Home Missions. In December, for Benificiary Education.

In January, for Pastor's Fund. In February, for Church Extension.

CHURCH SOCIABLE.

On the evening of the Second of October we had another of our delightful social gatherings in the Lecture Room and Church Parlors, under the auspices of our Ladies' Sewing Circle. Several choice selections were rendered by Prof. Gerhard on the violin with an organ accompaniment by Mrs. G. M. Rishel. Recitations were given by Miss Roth and a number of the smaller Sunday School Scholars. In the Church Parlors Coffee and Sandwiches, Fruit, Cake and Ice Cream were found in abundance and we separated at a late hour with mutual congratulations on the success of our Second Church Sociable.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION.

Prejudice is the conjuror of imaginary wrongs : strangling truth, overpowering reason, making strong men weak and weak men weaker. God give us the large-hearted charity which "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things;" which—"thinketh no evil."

A heart rejoicing in God delights in all his will, and is surely provided with the most firm joy in all estates.

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N. Brownmiller,	Geo. M. Rishel
Daniel Christian,	E. J. Skelly,
F. E. Deisher.	Oscar P. Witman.

TRUSTEES:—W. R. Williams, F. E. Deisher, and Edward Fox.

SECRETARY:—J. H. Helwig.

TREASURER:—Edward Fox.

Sabbath School Organization.

SUPERINTENDENT, H. S. Sterner; ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, J. H. Helwig.

OFFICERS: Geo. DeFrehn, Secretary; Chas. T. Brown, Assistant Secretary; William Brown, Treasurer; J. W. Bock, Librarian; M. H. Nagle and J. C. Adcock, Assistant Librarians; Mrs. Geo. M. Rishel, Organist; Mr. Z. Pugh, Cornetist.

CHOIR: Mrs. H. S. Sterner Miss Elsie Geier, Miss E. DeFrehn, Mr. J. W. Bock, Mrs. H. H. Hill, Mr. Geo. H. DeFrehn and Mr. Chas. T. Brown.

TEACHERS: Miss Laura Foltz, Mr. Lot K. Beyerle, Mr. Wm. Brown, Mr. N. Brownmiller, Miss L. Crosland, Miss Emma DeFrehn, Miss Katie Dentzer, Mr. S. M. Enterline, Mrs. E. Reichard, Mr. J. H. Helwig, Mrs. H. H. Hill, Miss C. Laubenstine, Mrs. Geo. Kline, Miss L. Lord, Mr. T. M. Morgart, Miss Mamie Moser, Miss Laura Moser, Mr. H. L. Scott, Miss Laura Pfleuger, Mrs. A. L. Phillips, Miss Emma Reed, Mr. Geo. M. Rishel, Mrs. G. M. Rishel, Miss C. Schrader, Miss L. Schrader, Mr. I. H. Severn, Mrs. E. J. Skelly, Mrs. O. P. Witman, Miss Emily P. Snyder, Mr. H. S. Sterner, Miss Mollie Sterner, Miss Ida Stoffregen, Miss Lydia Teter, Mr. Oscar P. Witman, Miss Ella Zimmerman. Miss Nellie Hill.

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

TEACHER, Mr. E. J. Skelly. ORGANIST, Miss Martha Hadesty. SECRETARY Mr. Robert H. Weston.

CHOIR: Mr. Wm. Rishel Mr. John Brownmiller, Mrs. Theo. Heilner Mrs. Byron Phillips, Mrs. G. F. Weaver, Mrs. T. Batdorff.

INFANT DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT, Mrs. Lot K. Beyerle.

TEACHERS: Mrs. L. K. Beyerle Mrs. E. G. Hay, Miss C. Rosengarten.

ORGANIST, Miss Callie Smith.

SPECIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Mite Society.

Meetings the First Wednesday Evening of each month in Church parlor.

President, Mrs. A. B. Cochran.

Sec'y and Treas., Mrs. Edward Fox.

OTHER MEMBERS.

Mrs. M. B. Bell,	Mrs. L. Laubenstine,
Mrs. L. K. Beyerle,	Mrs. A. Lee,
Mrs. J. A. Bowen,	Mrs. Chas. Lord,
Mrs. Wm. Bock,	Mrs. W. H. Miles,
Mrs. J. Brownmiller,	Mrs. G. W. Mortimer,
Mrs. Daniel Christian,	Mrs. Dr. G. M. Miller
Mrs. Daniel DeFrehn,	Mrs. Jas. Nagle,
Mrs. Joseph DeFrehn,	Mrs. M. Reed,
Mrs. J. E. Fredericks,	Mrs. Geo. Rishel,
Mrs. E. Britton,	Mrs. A. Risheill,
Mrs. J. A. Gilger,	Mrs. E. J. Skelly,
Mrs. T. Geier,	Mrs. Val Stichter,
Mrs. H. Hart,	Mrs. Joseph Summons,
Mrs. E. G. Hay,	Mrs. J. Teter,
Mrs. Hannah Heffner,	Mrs. W. R. Williams,
Mrs. J. Hoffman,	Mrs. David Williams,
Mrs. N. Kemp,	Mrs. Martha Wolfinger
Mrs. H. W. Kriner,	

Church Choir.

Meetings for practice every Friday Evening at 7.30.

Leader — Dr. P. K. Filbert.

Organist, - Mrs. G. M. Rishel.

OTHER MEMBERS.

Mr. L. K. Beyerle,	T. M. Morgart,
Mr. J. W. Bock,	Miss Laura Moser,
Mr. C. T. Brown,	Mrs. Frank Roehrig,
Mrs. Chas. T. Brown.	Miss Nettie Sheetz,
Miss Emma DeFrehn,	Miss Callie Smith,
Mr. Geo. DeFrehn,	Mrs. H. S. Sterner,
Miss Elsie Geier,	Mr. C. J. Wright.
Mrs. H. H. Hill,	

Womens' Missionary Society.

Organized December 1, 1886

Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

President, Miss Katie Dentzer

Vice President, Mrs. Thomas Geier

Cor. Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Hay.

Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Edward Fox.

Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Hill.

OTHER MEMBERS.

Miss Libbie Bindley,	Mrs. H. W. Kriner,
Mrs. J. A. Bowen,	Mrs. A. Lee,
Mrs. E. Britton,	Mrs. E. Miller.
Mrs. A. B. Cochran,	Miss Ellen Nagle,
Mrs. John Conrad,	Mrs. Mary Neff,
Miss Emma DeFrehn.	Mrs. Byron Phillips,
Mrs. Susan Dentzer.	Mrs. J. A. Rath,
Mrs. G. H. Dentzer,	Miss Sallie Reber,
Mrs. John Ebert,	Miss Emma Reed,
Miss Kate Faus,	Mrs. Geo. Rishel,
Miss Mary Faus,	Mrs. Mary Shum,
Mrs. Geo. Foltz,	Miss Tillie Sillyman,
Miss Laura Foltz,	Mrs. Frank Smith,
Mrs. J. E. Fredericks,	Miss Callie Smith,
Mrs. C. Freeman,	Mrs. Chas. Snyder,
Mrs. H Gilger,	Mrs. H. S. Sterner.
Mrs. Henry Hart,	Miss Mollie Sterner.
Mrs. George P. Heller,	Mrs. C. Weiderhold,
Mrs. L. F. Heller,	Mrs. W. R. Williams,
Miss Agnes Johnson,	Mrs. Martha Wolfinger.

Honorary Members—E. J. Skelly, E. G. Hay.

Children's Missionary Society.

Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meeting the Sabbath nearest the Thirty-first of October.

Literary Society.

Organized April 28, 1886.

Meets twice a month. Dues Ten Cents a month. Other obligations:— To meet all appointments or submit to a fine for the benefit of the Treasury.

President,	Dr. C. D. Miller.
V. President,	Katie Kaiser.
Secretary.	Howard P. Nagle.
Treasurer,	Elsie Geier.

OTHER MEMBERS.

Wm. H. Brown,	Heber Moore,
Robert Bashore,	Mrs. Dr. Miller,
Lidie Crosland,	Laura Moser,
Annie Detzner,	Sallie Parker,
Nora Dengler,	James A. Rinck,
Eva Dengler,	W. H. Rosengarten.
George Dengler,	Mrs. W.H. Rosengarten.
Tillie Fredericks,	Harvey Severn,
Mrs. Dr. Gillars,	Annie Smeltzer,
Annie Gerhard,	Carrie Staehle,
Carrie Glassmire,	Allen Sterner,
Minnie Heller,	Tenie Toussaint
Frank Kaiser,	Bertha Work.
Hannah Marsh,	

Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized December 15, 1886.

Meetings on the Second and Third Wednesday of each month. Regular dues, Ten Cents a month.

President,	Miss C. Schrader.
Vice President.	Mrs. Edward Green.
Secretary.	Mrs. A. L. Phillips.
Treasurer,	Miss L. Schrader.

OTHER MEMBERS.

Miss Emma Auman,	Mrs. J. B. Hoffman,
Mrs. L. K. Beyerle,	Mrs. F. Kaiser,
Miss Bessie Burnette,	Mrs. A. Lee,
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Mrs. F. C. Currier,	Miss Dollie McAdams.
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Mrs. Edward Fox,	Mrs. M. Moser,
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Mrs. T. Geier,	Miss Laura Pflueger,
Mrs. Edward Green,	Mrs. F. Roehrig,
Mrs. E. G. Hay,	Miss Emily P. Snyder,
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Mrs. Harry Hight,	Miss Ida Stoffregen,
Mrs. H. H. Hill,	Mrs. G. A. Transue.
Miss Nellie Hill,	Miss Ella Zimmerman,

Christian Workers.

Organized, November 27, 1887. Meetings the Second and Fourth Saturday Afternoons of each month, at 2.30, in the Infant Room.

President.	Miss Mollie Sterner.
V. President,	Mrs. E. G. Hay.
Secretary,	Miss Emma Reed.
Treasurer.	Miss Nellie Mortimer.
Organist,	Miss Jennie Conrad.

OTHER MEMBERS.

Dora Batdorff,	Emma Kershner,
May Beyerle	Katie Livingood,
Jennie Billman.	Annie McCullough.
Emma Britton,	Fannie Moore,
Clara Candy,	Bessie Moore.
Edith Christian,	Maud Noble,
Ella Deisher,	Bessie Noble,
Lena Deisher,	Amy Parker,
Stella Deisher,	Carrie Parkins,
Carrie Dentzer,	Jessie Parton,
Clara Entwistle,	Emma Reber,
Lulu Esterly,	Lulu Roehrig,
Emily Fairley,	Carrie Roth,
Eddie Hay,	Theressa Rubinsky,
Katie Hazzard,	Ella Schropp,
Jennie Heilner,	Ida Scott,
Bessie Hollenbach,	Mary Sloan,
Minnie Howell,	Nellie Snyder,
Florence Kershner,	Carrie Stoffregan,
Ida Kershner,	Carrie Wetzel.

Young Men's Christian Association.

Organized February 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

Organist, Miss Laura Moser.

Choir—T. M. Morgart, William Rishel, John Brownmiller, Mrs. Geo. Weaver, Albert Schock, C. J. Wright, Miss Clara Kershner, Mrs. Theodore Heilner, Mrs. Byron Phillips, and Miss Annie Livingood.

President, E. J. Skelly; V. President, O. P. Witman; Secretary, H. P. Nagle; Treasurer, Wm. K. Parker.

OTHER MEMBERS.

R. S. Bashore, George Bast, N. Brownmiller, J. Brownmiller, George Dengler, Joseph Dengler, George H. Dentzer, Charles O. Dentzer, E. G. Hay, J. H. Helwig, August Hill, Charles A. Kershner, John Lugan, John Montgomery, Heber T. Moore, T. M. Morgart, Geo. W. Nagle, George Rishel, Sr., George M. Rishel, Clinton D. Rishel, Elmer F. Schlaseman, A. F. Schock, J. Frederick Spaecht, H. S. Sterner, A. L. Warm, Geo. C. Welker, Robert G. Weston, John Wiederhold, J. H. Wolfinger, C. J. Wright, Preston Q. Roth, Robert B. Stout.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

MUSIC.

H. S. Sterner, H. P. Nagle, O. P. Witman.

ENTERTAINMENT AND DEVOTION.

G. M. Rishel, O. P. Witman, W. K. Parker.

FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP.

T. M. Morgart, C. J. Wright, H. T. Moore.

LIBRARY AND VISITATION.

H. K. Parker, G. M. Rishel, O. P. Witman

LADIES' AUXILIARY

OF OUR

Y. M. C. A.

Organized January 19th, 1889.

Devotional meetings upon alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3 o'clock in the Church Parlor, conducted by the President.

Business Meetings the First Thursday Evening of each month after the congregational prayer-meeting.

Joint Meetings with the Association monthly on the Second Wednesday Evening of each month.

OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. Daniel Christian.

Vice President, Mrs. E. J. Skelly.

Secretary, Miss Katie Dentzer.

OTHER CHARTER MEMBERS.

Mrs. M. B. Bell, Mrs. L. K. Beyerle, Mrs. Amos Billman, Mrs. Frank B. Allison, Mrs. N. Brownmiller, Mrs. J. Brownmiller, Mrs. C. Conrad, Miss Lidie Crosland, Miss Nora Dengler, Miss Eva Dengler, Mrs. C. Dimmick, Miss Mary Faus, Miss Kate Faus, Miss Carrie Glassmire, Miss Carrie Gross, Miss Elsie Hartline, Mrs. J. Hœpstine, Mrs. J. Hollenbach, Miss Clara Kershner, Miss Anna Livingood, Mrs. Henry Lord, Mrs. J. Lugan, Mrs. Edward Reichard, Mi Nettie Sheetz, Mrs. A. Schock, Mrs. Mary Shur Miss Tillie Sillyman, Mrs. H. Spehrley, Mr Fred. Wagner, Miss Maria Werner, Mrs. R. I Weston, Miss Pearl Weston, Miss Laura We ton, Mrs. C. Wiederhold, Mrs. M. Wolfinge Miss Ella Zimmerman.

Later Admissions.

Mrs. A. Billington, Mrs. John Conrad, Mrs F. C. Currier, Mrs. G. H. Dentzer, Mrs. Edwar Green, Mrs. L. F. Heller, Mrs. H. H. Hill, Mrs C. Klare, Mrs. Geo. Kline, Mrs. A. Lee, Mrs Byron Phillips, Mrs. Geo. Rishel, Sr., Mrs. A Risheill, Mrs. Charles Snyder, Miss Emily F Snyder, Mrs. G. C. Welker, Mrs. O. P. Witman Mrs. Geo. Aurand, Mrs. Libbie Bindley, Mrs Bindley, Miss H. C. Conrad, Mrs. Samuel East Mrs. William Shell, Mrs. William Williams.

Ward Committees.

South Ward:— Mrs. Robert H. Weston, with Mrs. Byron Phillips, Mrs. Edward Green, Mrs J. Hollenbach, Mrs. Geo. Kline, Miss Pear Weston, Mrs. Fred. Wagner, and Miss Martha Hadesty.

Middle Ward:—Mrs. Edward Reichard, with Mrs. C. Dimmick, Mrs. C. Wiederhold, Mrs M B. Bell, Mrs. A. Risheill, Mrs. G. H. Dentzer and Miss Eva Dengler.

North-West Ward:— Mrs. F. C. Currier, with Mrs. A. Schock, Mrs. J. Brownmiller and Mrs. D. Christian.

South-East Ward:— Mrs. John Conrad, with Mrs. G. C. Welker, Miss Lidie Crosland and Mrs. A. Billington.

North-East Ward:—Mrs. H. H. Hill with Mrs. L. F. Heller, Mrs. Charles Snyder, Mrs. Geo. Rishel, Sr., and Mrs. O. P. Witman.

North and Seventh Wards:— Miss Carrie Gross with Miss Elsie Hartline.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

Oct. 20. Watchfulness. Luke 11: 32–59. E. G. HAY.

" 27. What to Fear. Matt. 10: 26–33. O. P. WITMAN.

Nov. 3. The Wondrous Relationship. Mark 3: 35. S. M. ENTERLINE.

" 10. The Abiding Comforter. John 14: 16. H. P. NAGLE.

" 17. The Father Glorified. John 15: 8. J. H. HELWIG.

" 24. Select Bible Reading. E. J. SKELLY.

THE Lebanon Conference of East Pennsylvania Synod will hold its sessions in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Macungie, Pa., Rev. G. W. Fritsch, pastor, on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth of November.

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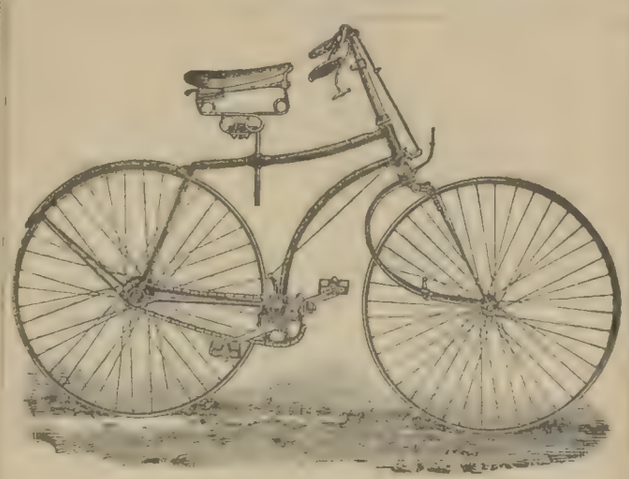

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THREE YEARS.

It will hardly seem possible to many, indeed we find it hard to realize ourselves, that this paper has now completed three years of its existence. Yet so it is, and an interesting three years of congregational history do its pages cover and preserve. It reveals the steady progress of all then existing societies, and the origin and development of several others.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle was being organized while our first number was being prepared for the printer, and was but a few days old when our first issue appeared. It has grown since that time from a membership of ten to one of forty. It has furnished us with our Church cut, which has made the appearance of our property familiar to many in distant parts of our land; it has met faithfully each month and assisted in preparing THE ENGLISH LUTHERAN, folding and sewing the paper, which comes in sixteen hundred sheets from the hands of the printer; it has in large measure furnished, and always largely aided in arranging, the elaborate floral decorations of the chancel on different festive occasions; and at its various social gatherings alone, and on several enjoyable occasions together with the congregation, has been accumulating funds to be used for the improvements upon our Church edifice.

The Literary Society was then but eight months old, with a membership of twenty. After all losses, it now numbers thirty-one active adherents and is pushing onward in its work. Its anniversary occasions have been most delightful. It has conducted entirely one of our general Church festivals, dividing the net proceeds, $201.85, between Church and Sunday School, and has done its full share of the labor involved in others. It furnished forty dollars from its treasury toward the payment for the New Building for the Infant School.

At the date of our first issue, the Women's Missionary Society had just been organized with a membership of twenty-three. It now numbers forty-seven, and by its circulation of the Journal, its regular meetings for prayer and study of our mission fields, and its voluntary contributions, has been doing a work of incalculable importance in the congregation for the cause of Christ.

Our third issue had not appeared ere our Young Men's Christian Association sprang into being, with a membership of seven. There are at present thirty-six enrolled, and what a work they have been doing! Less than two months after their organization attempting, and with ever increasing interest since sustaining, a public meeting for both sexes an hour before Sabbath evening service. Less than two years of age, originating and aiding in the organization of a Ladies' Auxiliary Society with thirty-nine members at the beginning and now, ten months later, numbering sixty-three, with committees in every ward for the visitation of new families and the sick, with their own meetings monthly for business and semi-monthly for devotion, and a monthly joint business and devotional meeting with the Association itself.

Eleven months after our first issue the Christian Workers arose with a membership of twenty—since increased to forty-five. Originally a single class in the Sabbath School, who began to feel that they also, though young, could do something for the Lord if they should try. And what happy times they have had, singing their hymns of praise together, learning and repeating in concert many of the beautiful Psalms of David, every now and then giving us an entertainment of their own in the Lecture Room, building, by their contributions, a whole Church over in India, and all the time busy in work for the welfare of others, realizing thus early in life's pathway the truth of the Master's saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We note also among the interesting events which have transpired since the origin of this paper, the refurnishing of our Sabbath-School Room and purchase of Sabbath-School Organ; the repairing of the Eastern wall of the Church and painting of that side of the building; the increase by $200., of the pastor's support; the organization February 26th, 1888, of the Second Department of the Sabbath-School; the action of Council, April 5th, 1888, authorizing and resulting in the erection of our beautiful New Building for the Infant School which cost with complete furnishing $1,403.54; the re-insuring of our Church property to the amount of $10,000.; the raising of our entire Apportionment for the last two years; the visits of Secretaries Clutz Zimmerman and Scholl; the Lec

tures of Dr. Billheimer; the preparation, by the Pastor, of a complete History of the Church, from its origin in 1847 to September, 1888, containing a good likeness of each of the successive pastors; the undertaking, now under way, of the erection of a new Church steeple; and the reception of two hundred and forty one members into the congregation.

Yes, we are surely justified in saying that THE ENGLISH LUTHERAN has spent its youth amid three interesting years of congregational history. And who shall attempt to measure the influence its pages have had in the moulding of that history?

We can only hope that its mission in the future shall be one of equal usefulness and blessing, and, with hearty thanks to all subscribers and advertisers whose patronage has made possible its existence and continuance, enter the open door which is before us.

ENGLISH LUTHERANS BOUND.

Have you kept your copies of The English Lutheran from the beginning? If you have, we want to say that these three years, ending with the present issue, make a very respectable looking volume, when bound, if we *did* write the most of it. We have had one set thus bound, and will take please in showing it to any one who will call at the parsonage.

We have preserved only a few complete sets, for the use of the Church, and cannot promise to supply missing numbers for any one. But if there are those who have the full three years and wish to have them bound, please leave them *during this month*, at the parsonage, and we will carry out your wishes in regard to them. Our single copy cost $1.25. If many copies should be brought, as suggested, each owner will probably secure the same result for less money.

The funerals of Mr. John Helms and John F. Musket took place on Sunday, October 13th. The wife of the former and mother of the latter are members of our Church. We regret that on account of sickness at the time, we were unable to respond to the request of these families and officiate at these services. And we would say the same concerning our worthy and lamented brother, Henry Hart, who was laid to rest upon the afternoon of October the 16th. Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, pastor of the English Reformed Church, and Rev. M. H. Mishler, pastor of the German Reformed Church, officiated at the first and second of these occasions respectively, while Rev. P. C. Croll, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Schuylkill Haven, spoke words of comfort at the funeral of brother Hart.

We were also prevented, by the same cause, from joining in the bonds of matrimony, on the evening of the 16th of October, Mr. J. M. McCauley and Miss Bella Hill, both of Philadelphia, the latter formerly of this place. Brother P. C. Croll, of Schuylkill Haven, in this instance also came to our assistance.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

Dec. 1.—The Beatific Vision. Matt. 5: 8. W. K. Parker.

Dec. 8.—The Closing Benediction. Luke 12: 43. George M. Rishel.

Dec. 15.—The Resurrection and Life. John 11: 25. H. S. Sterner.

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VACATION.

On the last Sabbath of October, we took the balance of the vacation granted us at the July meeting of Council. We then asked but for two Sabbaths in July and one in November, which was cheerfully granted. Our November engagements meanwhile, became of such a character that we foresaw no possibility of absence until a later date than would have been at all desirable, and we therefore took an October Sabbath instead. We are glad that there was no need of closing our doors on the morning of that day, and that so good a supply as the services of brother S. E. Stofflet could be secured.

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EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

The Forty-Eighth convention of the Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania, at Steelton, Pa., September 18–24, was to many a most pleasing revelation of the phenomenal growth of the Church at that place. The Synod was never entertained with more apparent ease. The Church building, twice enlarged within recent years, is still insufficient to accommodate the worshipers, and the congregation has already purchased a larger tract in the most desirable portion of the town for a new structure.

Another gratifying surprise was the evidence of missionary enterprise in the adjoining city of Harrisburg, whose Churches, all themselves in a flurishing condition, and two of them erecting handsome Church edifices, are showing unwonted energy in the establishment of mission Sunday-Schools.

Two promising congregations organized within the year, at Norwood, Delaware County, and in the vicinity of Nicetown, Philadelphia, were admitted and enrolled.

Rev. D. T. Treibley, a licentiate of the West Pennsylvania Synod, serving the congregation at Shenandoah, was ordained, and Messrs. J. C. Trauger and E. L. Dreibelbis received license. Thirteen clerical members of Synod have removed beyond its bounds within the year, and seven have been received, making a present enrollment of seventy. Beneficiary aid was promised to seventeen students for the ministry for the coming year.

Nine pastoral charges were reported vacant. After due inquiry as to the condition and prospects of these

charges, provision was made for the temporary supply of Chalfont, Union Deposit and Womelsdorf, and it was recommended that vacant congregations and unemployed ministers communicate with the Board of Supplies appointed at the last General Synod.

The number of communicants was reported as 16,715, the officers and teachers of the Sunday-schools as 2,450, and scholars as 18,559. The benevolent contributions of the year amount to $29,255, and the grand total of all expenditures to $139,163. These figures do not compare favorably with those of the former year. Making all allowance for large special gifts for the new building of Pennsylvania College, which swelled the total for 1888, the fact still remains that Synod has broken its record of steady advance in benevolence, the payments upon apportionment having been $1,540.95 less than one year ago. There is no apparent adequate reason for this; and if the Churches shall catch but a small portion of the inspiration of the pastors and delegates present, there need be no repetition of it.

The increased apportionment of the General Synod was loyally accepted, and $500 voted to the congregation at Norwood, to be paid from the Synodical Treasury. It was resolved that the collections on Children's Day be devoted to the Orphans' Home at Loysville, and those on the Day of Prayer for Colleges, to Pennsylvania College.

Irving College at Mechanicsburg, Pa., a new institution for young ladies, which is to be placed under distinctively Lutheran control, and proposes to give this Synod a representative in its Board of Trustees, was cordially commended to the confidence and patronage of the Church.

The older Institutions and the various Boards of the General Synod were well represented, and their reports heard with great interest. The maiden speech of the new Secretary of Church Extension received immediate practical endorsement in the gift by Mr. J. A. Dunkle, of Steelton, of four lots for Church purposes in South Harrisburg and Steelton.

It was resolved, that hereafter any minister of any Synod belonging to the General Synod who has been called to serve any of our Churches, shall be regarded as a member of this body and under its jurisdiction so soon as he shall have satisfied the mind of our President by properly signed credentials that he was at the time a member in good standing in his own Synod, and that he was regularly dismissed from the same to unite with this body.

Rev. E. Huber, D. D., W. M. Baum, D. D., and L. E. Albert, D. D., and Messrs. J. Dunkle, R. G. Morris, E. Fox and Joseph Stulb, were elected Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

It has been customary to leave two afternoons of Synod vacant after three o'clock for committee work. A new feature of this convention was the appointment of devotional meetings at these hours for the congregation and members of Synod not occupied upon committees. The plan worked admirably, bringing welcome relief from routine work, and elevating the spiritual tone of the whole Synod.

The next annual convention will be held in Columbia, Pa.

CHARLES E. HAY, Secretary.

ORTHODOXY DEAD AGAIN.

"That the 'orthodox' Churches are no longer orthodox is a comforting delusion, believed by many because they wish it to be true. That the old faiths are obsolete or obsolescent is an assertion of which some seem never to tire. The *Boston Transcript* has lately made it with fresh emphasis. 'Look at the doctrine of everlasting punishment, they say; those who profess to hold this doctrine cannot really believe it. They do not preach it as they once did, and if they did preach it the pews would be emptied. By their lightness of demeanor they testify to the same state of belief; for, if Christians really believed that a large part of the world is going to so terrible a doom, they would be more earnest in warning men. In all seasons no efforts would be spared to rescue men from their impending doom.'

On the face of it, this seems a grave indictment of 'orthodox' Christianity. It makes out a case sufficiently plausible to mislead one who does not look below the surface. But will the case bear examination? Take the latter objection first: the alleged inconsistency between the professed belief and the practical conduct of Christian people. Does this prove anything against the sincerity of the belief? Nothing whatever, and for this excellent reason, that such inconsistency is one of the commonest phenomena of human nature. There is not a drunkard who is not thoroughly convinced that strong drink is a curse to him, that it is dragging his body down to the grave and his soul to the pit: but he does not therefore reform. There is no man living who is not certain he must die, in a few years at most, in a few hours possibly; yet we all go on working and planning as if we had a century before us. Men do not logically deduce their conduct from their beliefs, especially when selfishness exerts a powerful influence in an opposite direction. Life is full of this inconsistency between men's actual performances and the principles by which they acknowledge that they ought to be guided.

Another consideration must not be forgotten. There is a limit to the capacity of the human mind to feel acute emotion. Neither ecstatic joys nor soul rending sorrows can long endure; though they may not wholly pass away, their intensity gradually subsides, and ordinary feelings resume their sway. At times the Christian's soul may be full of anguish as he contemplates the condition of the world and the doom of the unsaved; but if he had the will, he has not the power, to maintain his emotions thus at fever heat. Nor would his spiritual life be wholesome or beneficent, if he should succeed. He would become morbid, and his zeal would defeat its own object.

There is quite as little force in the plea that the 'orthodox' doctrines are not preached now as they were once. Of course they are not. But then, nothing is done as it once was. We do not think precisely as our fathers thought, and we differ still more from them in the way we express what we do think. Theological fashions change as do fashions in dress, but the changes affect only the outside garb, not the inner substance. We cast the old truths in new moulds, we clothe them with new forms of expression, we see

them from a different angle of vision, but they are the same old truths, and are as firmly held as ever. We may alter the proportions, we may vary the emphasis, in conformity to present views of the teaching of the Scriptures, but we give up nothing that is contained in that revelation of God's will and purposes.

The decadence and death of orthodox Christianity have often been predicted, but it has survived all the prophets, and has never been more firmly believed in than now."

A WELCOME VISITOR.

We have been very frequently asked in recent months "When is your father coming to preach for us again?" Well, we would usually respond, that is hard to tell. He is very reluctant to absent himself that long from his duties at the Seminary, as he does not think any but the most important considerations should lead any of the Seminary Professors even temporarily to vacate his post. Our own recent illness, however, and his fatherly desire for our speedy recovery, at length carried the day, and on the Third instant we had the pleasure of a brief visit. The kind words of welcome he received upon all sides; and the evident pleasure with which his preaching was received, should be a strong inducement for him to come soon again. So let it be!

ALTERATION.

By way of a little agreeable variety we have omitted the names of members of the different Societies, retaining, however, the names of Officers and of important Committees, and showing also the numerical strength of each. We will occasionally hereafter, say every six months, unless greater frequency be thought necessary, return to the former practice and give names in full. On other occasions we shall so use the space thus gained that the Church shall have equal if not greater benefit therefrom.

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But there is another class of old people who are willing to make the most of life; they look on the bright side of every thing. They speak with a cheerful tone, and smile on all around them; they take the same interest in all that pertains to human life and well being that they did in their earlier life. How encouraging it is for young people, or to those who have reached middle age, and are worried with the cares of life to see old people smiling, cheerful and happy, having passed through all these trials, and still able to enjoy life.

This class of old people renew their youth like the eagle. They read the news of the day and talk about it, so that their minds and memory are as clear as in their earliest days. Many good men and women too, have passed away at a good old age, under a cloud, because they did not keep up that life and cheerfulness that was their privilege to enjoy. There is no good reason why any good persons should allow themselves to be despondent as the years increase upon them, if they could but realize the fact that the righteous never die. They merely end their earthly pilgrimage to commence eternal life on the other shore sooner than the young friends they leave behind them. Why then should not good old people feel cheerful and happy?

'Two little old ladies, one grave, one gay,'
In the self-same cottage lived day by day.
One could not be happy, 'because' she said,
'So many children were hungry for bread.'
And she really had not the heart to smile,
When the world was so wicked all the while.
The other old lady smiled all day long,
As she knit, or sewed, or crooned a song.
She had not time to be sad, she said
When hungry children were crying for bread.
So she baked, and knitted, and gave away,
And declared the world better every day.

Two little old ladies, one grave, one gay:
Now which do you think shows the wiser way?'"

The last meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was unanimously acknowledged to be the best, both in attendance and interest, that we have had for some time. With the special work of preparing a Christmas-Box immediately before them, their next meeting, November 27, should be larger still.

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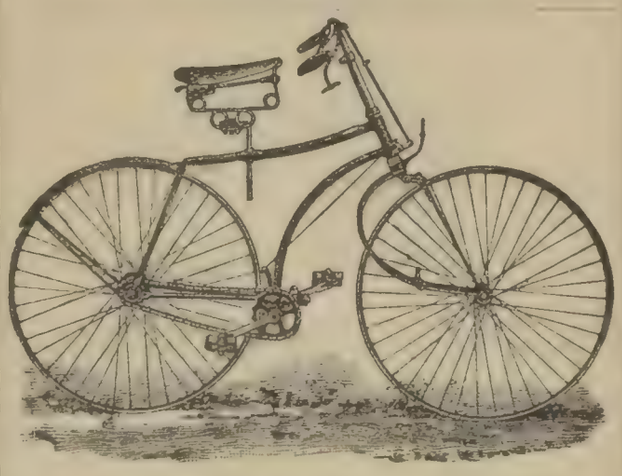

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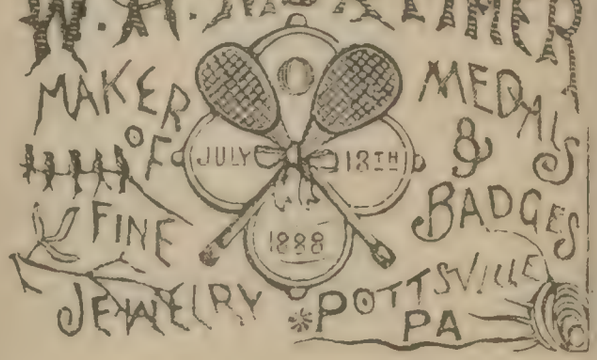

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To the thoughtful it speaks of the marvelous prophecy and birth of the wonderful child — who is declared in Holy Writ to be "the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." To the poor it speaks of hope and relief from the burdens of life; and to the rich it reveals the way to happiness through benefactions to the poor. To the afflicted it conveys the consolations of faith, and to the prosperous it recalls the duty of relieving the sorrows of the wretched. Thus all souls may be brighter and better for the happy Christmas-tide, and all hearts should be lifted up with gratitude and praise to God for his 'unspeakable Gift.'"

MISSIONARY BOX.

The laudable effort of our Women's Missionary Society to send a box of useful articles to one of our Home Missionaries has met with most encouraging success. Not only from the Society proper, but, as was their desire and expectation, from many parts of the congregation, have come gifts that will make the heart of the receiver glad indeed. It *is* more blessed to give than to receive. The value of the box itself was over seventy-two dollars, but the results are more beneficial to us than to those to whom it is sent. It makes us more ready to respond to the next cry of the needy, and it has awakened a more general interest within the congregation, in the work of the Society that inaugurated the movement. Are you a member of this Society, sister? If not, ought you not to be? Should not the present number be largely increased? The next meeting will be on Friday, December the Twenty-Seventh, when you will be heartily welcome as a visitor, and gladly elected, if you so desire, a regular member. The pledge of a specific amount monthly, according to disposition or ability, is the only obligation required. At our last meeting, Mrs. Daniel Christian, Miss Hattie Christian and Miss Charlotte Christian were received. Come thou also.

OUR GREAT MESSIAH.

This is the title of a Service of Scripture and Song prepared by Emma Pitt. It will be rendered by our Sunday School on the evening of Sunday, December Twenty-Second. As we will rejoice at this time over the best gift of God to us, it is most appropriate that we also should bring some gift to him. A thank-offering will be received on that occasion.

Our readers are familiar both with the beauty of the services arranged by Miss Pitt, and with the ability of our Choir and School to render them. Come and welcome, but come in good time. Services at 7.30 as usual.

ANNIE BRIGHT-FACE.

"Little Annie Bright-face, if you are not too happy to stand still, let us see what you look like! How cheery you are all the time? What makes you so merry?

'I try to make everybody that meets me happier or better, and that makes me glad.'

How do you do that, Annie?

'Well, the other day I saw mother was weary; and I told her if she would lie down I would keep house till she was right well rested. So she smiled, and lay down for an hour. Then I helped my sister to do her sums; and then I went on an errand, and on the way I met a child who had lost one of her beads, and I found it for her. Then I went and read a story to a sick girl who is alone all day; and before I went to bed I saw my two little brothers quarreling, and I persuaded them to make up and be good friends.'

Well done, Annie; you are rightly named. If you keep on that way every day, you will do a great deal toward making this world bright and happy like yourself.

This world is full of beauty
Like other worlds above,
And if we did our duty
It might be full of love."

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"While some Christians complain that they can find no opportunity to do good, others are embarrassed because of the multitude of inviting openings, only a few of which they can find time to enter. The difference between these two classes of Christians is not in their circumstances, but in their spiritual discernment. Some men are blind to their opportunities. They stand idle all day, while the fields are white already to the harvest. They can see how others may be useful, but no work seems suited to their abilities. If the eyes of idle Christians could once be opened, they would be as much surprised as Elisha's servant was when he saw the mountains covered with the horses and chariots of God."

"It has been urged that we ought to love our neighbor upon earth as we shall love him in heaven; but duty and ability do not go hand in hand. When we meet in the better land, we will have more power to love, and both our neighbor and ourselves will have grown more lovely. We must do our best here, however, to reach the heavenly standard."

OUR WORK FOR JESUS.

"Grateful, indeed, should we be for the privilege of living in an age when religion is not selfish—when the mists have cleared away, and when *all* may experience the preciousness of loving service, of giving or giving up for Christ's sake. How much sweeter is Christian fellowship when our hearts beat in unison with the great, loving heart of the Redeemer! Truly, only in this labor do we follow most nearly the blessed example of Him who 'went about doing good.'

But, with these large opportunities come, also, greater responsibilities. What need is there for caution, lest, in our zeal for advancing the cause in which we have enlisted, we lose sight of that motor which should be the ruling power of our lives—'The love of Christ constraineth us!'—Vain, indeed is all our work, unless it is prompted by a loving heart and done *for Jesus*—for His glory and honor alone. And how much need is there for loving forbearance and the exercise of that charity that 'thinketh no evil!'

Nor should our desire for the conversion of the heathen cause us to lose sight of the great field for 'doing good,' lying all around us. Think how greatly our missionary influence may be increased by bringing those around us to experience the holy joy of the Gospel. The work of missions is to spread the Gospel, and the Gospel is the story of Jesus' love. Let that love be shed abroad in the hearts of those near you, and you make missionaries of them all their lives, their hearts longing to have others partake of that joy. On this subject, Ruskin has beautifully said, 'You have heard

that flowers flourish only in the garden of one who loves them. You would like that to be true. You would think it a pleasant magic if you could flush your flowers into brighter bloom by a kind look upon them, or if your look had power not only to cheer but to guard, if you could bid the blight turn away, or the dew to fall upon them in the drought, or the wind to drive away the bitter frost. You would think this a great thing! Do you not think it a greater thing that all this, and much more than this, you *can* do for fairer flowers than these — flowers that can bless you for having blessed them, flowers which have thoughts like yours, and lives like yours, and which, once saved, you save forever? To each of you is given the privilege and the power to aid in bringing into life and beauty, even from desert places, flowers that will bloom forever in the paradise of God.' From your own soul, dear one, such a radiance may go forth, until many will be illuminated by its refulgent power; until your enlarged soul will radiate an ineffable power to bless others, a glory before which indifference will melt, and which will arouse to duty even those who but touch the hem of the sacred garment. Think, too, how blessed is the reflex influence of this free-will offering of loving service — the spiritual perfection, the Christ likeness attained thereby! A new light and heaven-born peace will shine into your soul, as your sympathies go out to others who know not a Heavenly Father or a compassionate Saviour.

God grant each of us grace to do our *whole known duty* in the spirit of *love*, and not of *service*."

REGULAR SERVICES.

We were congratulated very recently by a Catholic lady upon the size of our congregations. She lives, too, where she has an excellent opportunity of judging. Such remarks are a matter of very frequent occurrence. And they are not without foundation. As in every congregation, there are some indeed who are living upon a low plane of spirituality, and are negligent of ordinances. They will continue thus unless God's Spirit quicken them into newness of life — for which we all fervently pray.

But the great majority of our people we believe to be intelligently interested in their own spiritual well being and the prosperity of Zion, and are present, as opportunity permits, as reverent, attentive listeners in the house of God on the Sabbath Day. To the best of our knowledge, we have the pleasure of addressing as many people each Sabbath as any of the other Ministers of the town. Some smaller Churches are sometimes better filled, but it doesn't take much to fill them. We are glad of the interest manifested in our own Church, and glad to know that it does not arise either from an effort to get constant mention among *personals* in the local papers, or from any *sensational advertising* of particular subjects that may be dwelt upon. We preach Christ crucified and our people and others know it. For earnest Christian people the knowledge of this fact is enough. It is for them a theme of fadeless interest. If the remainder of the public expects anything else, it forgets the true sphere of the pulpit, and ours shall never be lowered to meet the demand.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

In our next issue the Financial Report for the last six months will be published. If any persons have paid nothing since our last or July Report, they will be credited with nothing in the January Report unless it reaches the Secretary's hands before January First. Each individual member should certainly feel it to be both a privilege and duty to give *something* each month if possible, every six months surely, both to the General Fund and to the Missionary Cause.

In our last Report, which covered a term of nine months and presented a list of 541 names, it appears that 97 out of this number contributed nothing to the General Fund and 216 gave nothing for Missions. Of the latter however, 119 were contributers to the General Fund, which leaves 97 persons who gave nothing to either object. Surely there can be improvement here if each member will only try to do his part. It is fair to state that of the 97 above who appear as non-contributors to the General Fund 7 are wives of members some of whom give quite liberally. It would certainly, in these cases, give the report a better appearance were the amounts distributed. It should also be said of the remaining 90, that 10 have entered the Church quite recently and may not fully realize as yet what is reasonably expected of them. This still leaves 80 non-contributors.

Speaking of new members, and embracing under that term those who were received at our Easter Communion and at Whitsuntide, it appears that they have done as well in proportion as any other section of equal size within the congregation. They were Eighty-Five in all. Of these there were but Ten who failed, in the three months preceeding the issue of the July Report, to contribute to the General Fund, and but Thirty-One who gave nothing to Missions.

Let one and all reflect upon these things, and see if the January Report will not be an improvement upon July.

THE POWER OF A PICTURE.

"In the chapel of the Women's Prison at Sherborn there is a striking picture of Christ standing before the woman taken in adultery. The light beaming from His face, the pose of His figure, the outstretched hand, seem to utter a benediction of hope over the prostrate woman. Beneath it is written, 'Go and sin no more.' A few years ago, one evening when the women were dismissed after prayers, one remained in her seat. She was one of the worst to manage of all the prisoners. The matron, supposing some new trouble was brewing, went and asked what was the matter. The woman, with her eyes fixed on the picture, said, 'I want to go into the solitary cell.' 'Why,' said the matron, 'what do you mean? You have just had to spend a week there.' 'I want,' said the woman, 'to go and be alone where I can think about Him that is in that picture.'

She went into solitary confinement, remained a week, came out to serve the rest of her sentence with a deportment that called for no criticism, and, since leaving the prison, has lived an upright life. If the painter of that picture could get on canvass an expression of Christ of such power, can-

not we get the same into our lives and faces? The ability to inspire those who have lost faith in themselves with faith in the reality of a holy life, and the hope of gaining it, is worthy to be sought as an art and coveted as the highest gift."

GOOD NEWS.

We have an item of most gratifying news to report this month. Dr. McKnight has informed us that Mr. Peter Graff, of Worthington, Pa., has agreed to give $25,000 to endow the Professorship of Hygiene and Physical Culture in Pennsylvania College. Mr. Graff has done this as a memorial to his son, Dr. Charles H. Graff, of the class of 1876, who died recently in Duluth, Minn. Dr. Charles was a most proficient and successful physician and had accumulated considerable property. At his death his father became his legatee, and now the father has generously devoted $25,000 of the legacy to the endowment of a memorial professorship, to be known as the 'Dr. Charles H. Graff Professorship of Hygiene and Physical Culture,' the chair of which Dr. G. D. Stahley is the incumbent. This liberality is appreciated more than we can tell, and will prove a source of great benefit to the College and the young men who are now and shall hereafter be connected with it as students. It is fitting, too, that this fund, coming from the earnings of a skillful and industrious physician, should be for the endowment of the special chair that has been selected. It will work for the physical well-being of men for all time. Mr. Graff's name has been connected with many other cases of generous giving, but we believe that in none has he given more wisely than in this.

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WEEK OF PRAYER.

Before our next issue appears, we shall be summoned once more to assemble ourselves together and unite, with a great part of the whole Christian world, in a week of special supplication before the Most High. What precious seasons these occasions hitherto have been to us all! Let the memory of past benefactions bring us joyously together, and let our expectations be great of the mercy of Him who said,—"Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name, ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

OFFICIAL RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Nov. 13.

Blanche Marguerite Rosengarten.

Nov. 23.

Edith Clifton Biebelheimer.

MARRIED.

Nov. 14.

Mr. Miles Staller,
Miss Lena Shœn.

Nov. 27.

Mr. C. A. Vandyke.
Miss Hattie Vanhorn.

BURIED.

Nov. 20.

George Wentz Solt.
Thomas Walter Duey.

Nov. 24.

William Hughes.

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Remember the date, January First, 1890, at 10.30 A. M., and the place, the Lecture Room of the Church. If you are not there, and wise decisions in all respects are not reached, a measure of responsibility, and no light one either, rests upon YOU.

Catechetical instruction will not be begun until the opening of the New Year. The time we shall select for our meetings will be announced from the pulpit in due time. Meanwhile let those who should come make up their minds to attend, and to come in the spirit of earnest inquiry.

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	General Fund.	Missions.
Adcock, John C.	$ 50	$ 50
Adcock, Mrs. J. C.	50	50
Albright, Elmer E	50	
Allan, Mrs. Mary	75	30
Allan, Thomas G.	30	10
Allison, Mrs. F. B.		
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Arbogast, Geo. C.		
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Arbogast, Mrs. John H.	1 25	
Arbogast, Charles J.	1 50	
Arbogast, Mrs. Charles J.	1 50	
Auman, Miss Emma	1 00	
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Batdorff, Mrs. Theo. F.	75	
Bearsh, Geo. D.	1 50	60
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Bell, Mrs. M. B.	3 00	
Beltz, Miss Mary		
Bensinger, Mrs. C.	3 00	40
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Beyerle, Lot K.	1 00	
Beyerle, Mrs. L. K.	1 50	50
Beyerle, Geo. D.	1 25	35
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Beyerle, Wm. H.	2 00	
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Billman, Mrs. Amos		
Billman, Edward		
Bindley, Mrs. A. E.	50	
Bindley, Miss Lizzie	25	
Bocam, Mrs. L.	1 75	20
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Bocam, Lamie	60	15
Bock, Mrs. Wm.	6 00	60
Bock, James W.	4 50	1 50
Bock, Mrs. J. W.		
Bock, Miss Annie M.	55	
Bolich, Mrs. John		
Boner, L. S.	6 00	1 50
Bowen, Mrs. J. A.	3 60	60
Bowers, Alfred		
Bowers, Mrs. Alfred		
Boyer, Edward W.	2 05	60
Bray, Miss Nellie E.	60	
Britton, Mrs. E.	12	
Brown, Miss Ellie		
Brown, Miss Annie		
Brown, Wm. H.	3 00	60
Brown, C. T.	1 50	50
Brown, Mrs. C. T.	1 50	50
Brownmiller, Nicholas	2 75	60
Brownmiller, Mrs. N.	25	5
Brownmiller, J. N.	50	
Brownmiller, Mrs. J. N.	1 25	30
Burnett, Miss Bessie	2 50	50
Cable, Mrs. Albert	1 50	
Cable, Miss Mary		
Candy, Miss Mary A.	2 50	50
Candy, Miss Clara E.	60	
Carter, Miss Emma R.	60	30
Carter, Mrs. Clarence C.	60	
Christian, Daniel	6 00	2 00
Christian, Mrs. Daniel	6 00	1 75
Christian, Miss Carrie		
Clark, Mrs. A.	50	
Cochran, Mrs. A. B.	6 00	2 00
Conners, Mrs. Tillie		
Conrad, Mrs. C. F.	1 50	50
Conrad, Miss Celia	1 50	
Conrad, Miss H. C.	50	
Conrad, John	2 40	60
Conrad, Mrs. John	1 50	1 00
Conrad, Miss Jennie G.	1 20	30
Cooper, Miss Esther A.	1 50	60
Cruikshanks, Mrs. M. S.	1 75	
Currier, Mrs. Fred.	1 50	60
Dailey, Miss Sallie	1 00	40
Daubert, Miss Ida E.	1 00	50
DeFrehn, Daniel	3 00	60
DeFrehn, Mrs. Daniel	3 00	60
DeFrehn, Miss Emma	1 50	60
DeFrehn, George H.	5 00	1 00
DeFrehn, Joseph	6 00	60
DeFrehn, Mrs. Joseph	3 00	60
DeFrehn, Mrs. Joseph, Jr.	1 50	60
Deibert, Charles F.	25	5
Deibert, Mrs. C. F.	15	5
Deibler, Miss Louisa	50	10
Deisher, F. E.	4 00	
Deisher, Mrs. F. E.	2 00	
Deisher, Miss Ida	75	
Deisher, Miss Ella M.	1 40	10
Deisher, John H.	1 50	
Deisher, Mrs. J. H.	1 50	
Deisher, Miss Lena A.	1 20	30
Deisher, Miss Stella	1 20	30
DeLong, Mrs. Catharine	50	
DeLong, Mrs. George R.		
Dengler, J. George	1 15	10
Dengler, Joseph F.	85	5
Dengler, Miss Nora	1 50	60
Dengler, Miss Eva	90	20
Dengler, Miss Mary E.	50	
Dentzer, Miss Katie	3 00	1 50
Dentzer, Charles O.	25	25
Dentzer, Elmer	25	40
Dentzer, George H.	1 00	
Dentzer, Mrs. George H.	1 00	
Dentzer, Mrs. Susan	1 50	10
Dentzer, Charles		
Dentzer, Mrs. Charles	1 00	
Detzner, Miss Annie	1 25	60
Dieffenderfer, James.		
Dieffenderfer, Mrs. James		

Dimmick, Mrs. C.	3 00		Haring, Wm. H.	1 25	25
Dysinger, Mrs. H. C.	1 50		Haring, Mrs. Wm. H.	1 00	20
Dysinger, Miss Lena.	60		Harner, Miss Jennie.		
East, Mrs. Samuel.	75	5	Hart, Henry.	3 00	1 20
Ebert, Mrs. John.	1 00		Hart, Mrs. Henry.	1 50	60
Ebert, Miss Clara.			Hart, Miss Alice E.	1 50	1 35
Ebert, Tunis.			Hart, John H.	3 00	25
Ebert, Charles B.			Hart, Mrs. J. H.	1 00	
Emhardt, Fred.	2 50	40	Hartline, Miss Elsie.		
Emhardt, Mrs. Fred.	1 25	40	Hay, Rev. E. G.		5 00
Engle, Walter M.			Heffner, Mrs. M. B.	5 00	
Enterline, S. M.	1 50		Heffner, Mrs. Hannah.		
Enterline, Mrs. S. M.	1 50		Heilner, Mrs. T. C.	1 50	
Erdman, Thomas.			Heim, Allen J.	3 00	70
Eyster, S. D.	1 00	50	Heim, Mrs. Allen J.		
Eyster, Mrs. S. D.	1 00	50	Heller, L. F.	3 00	60
Fasolt, Miss Annie.			Heller, Mrs. L. F.	2 10	60
Fasolt, Miss Florence M.	60	10	Heller, Harry.	25	
Faus, Miss Mary.	3 00	60	Heller, Mrs. Harry	25	
Faus, Miss Kate	1 50	65	Heller, George P.	3 00	
Fegley, Robert F.			Heller, Mrs. George P.	3 50	
Fernsler, Mrs. J.	50		Helms, Mrs. Phoebe	40	
Fernsler, Miss Blanche H.	25		Helms, Miss Maggie		
Fertig, Miss Clara.	2 00	20	Helms, Mrs. John S.	2 20	
Fertig, John			Helwig, J. H.	1 00	
Fessler, Mrs. Clara.	60		Henry, Robert C.	90	30
Filbert, Dr. P. K.	12 00	6 00	Hight, Mrs. Harry G.	2 00	20
Filbert, Mrs. Dr. P. K.			Hill, Daniel.		
Fisher, Mrs. George.	50		Hill, Mrs. Daniel.	1 50	
Fleck, Mrs. Geo. W.			Hill, Mrs. H. H,	3 00	80
Foltz, Mrs. George.	1 75	70	Hill, Mrs. Wm.	1 50	
Foltz, Miss Laura.	1 50	60	Hill, Miss Clara M.	60	
Fonderwhite, Mrs. C.			Hill, Miss Nellie A.	90	60
Forseman, Mrs. Charles.			Hill, Miss Annie.	50	25
Fox, Edward.	11 00	4 00	Hinkley, Mrs. W. H.		
Fox, Mrs. Edward.	11 00	3 25	Hoepstine, James W.	50	
Fox, Jacob W	2 75	25	Hoepstine, Mrs. James W.	75	35
Fredericks, Mrs. J. E.	3 00	20	Hoepstine, James W. Jr.		
Frizell, Mrs. Charles.			Hoepstine, Charles I.		
Gallagher, Miss A.	2 00		Hoffman, M. C.		
Geier, Thomas.	6 00	1 50	Hoffman, Mrs. J. B.		
Geier, Mrs. Thomas.	3 00	75	Hoffman, Miss Mamie.		
Geier, Miss Elsie.	1 50	75	Hollenbach, J. K.	25	
Gerhard, Prof. Fred.	3 00		Hollenbach, Mrs. J. K.	50	
Gerhard, Mrs. Fred.	3 00	60	Hollenbach, Miss Emily.	50	
German, Mrs. M.	50		Holt, Mrs. Susan.		
Gilger, J. A.	3 50	70	Howell, Mrs. Robert.		
Gilger, Mrs. J. A.	1 75	70	Hower, Mrs. John.	1 00	25
Gilger, James E.	1 75	60	Hubley, Miss Emma.	1 25	25
Glassmire, Mrs. M. L.	3 00	60	Huntzinger, Mrs. T. J.		
Glassmire, Miss Carrie.	80	5	Hutchinson, Miss Katie	1 25	50
Gottschall, Miss M.			Homrighausen, Mrs. Annie.	1 00	
Gottschall, Albert.			Johnston, Miss Agnes.	75	75
Graeff, L. A.			Jones, Miss Tillie.	75	30
Graeff, Mrs. L. A.			Jones, Miss Annie B.	35	30
Green, Mrs. Edward.			Keer, Mrs. Lucy A.	50	
Greenawalt, Mrs. A. A.	1 50		Keer, Miss Josephine.	75	10
Griner, Miss Lizzie.			Keller, Daniel M.	75	30
Gross, Earnest.			Kemp, Nicholas.	2 10	60
Gross, Mrs. Earnest.			Kemp, Mrs. Nicholas.	2 10	60
Gross, Miss Carrie.			Kepley, Mrs. Joseph.	1 00	40
Guers, Jacob.			Kerbel, Miss C.		
Hadesty, Miss Martha.	1 50	85	Kerbel, Mrs. Mary.		
Hamilton, George W.	1 50	50	Kershner, Charles A.	10	5
Hamilton, Mrs. George W.	1 50	50	Kershner, Mrs. Charles A.	10	5

Kershner, Miss Clara		10	5
Klare, Mrs. C.			
Kline, Mrs. George	1	50	20
Knerr, Miss M. E.		50	
Kriner, H. W.	3	00	60
Kriner, Mrs. H. W.	2	75	60
Kriner, Byron	2	50	
Kriner, Mrs. Byron	2	50	
Krohmer, Mrs. J. C.	1	00	
Kull, Charles		25	
Laubenstine, Levi	3	00	
Laubenstine, Mrs. Levi	1	50	
Laubenstine, Miss Carrie		60	
Lee, Mrs. Alfred			
Liddle, Mrs. Samuel			
Logan, John		50	20
Logan, Mrs. John			
Loose, Miss Almeda	1	25	50
Lord, Charles	3	00	60
Lord, Mrs. Charles	1	50	60
Lord, Miss Lizzie	1	50	40
Lord, Mrs Henry	1	50	50
Lord, Miss Carrie	1	50	50
Lord, Miss Lulu	1	00	50
Lord, Charles H.	1	00	50
Lorriman, Mrs. E.			
Mader, Anthony			
Matter, James	10	00	5 00
Matthews, Miss B.			20
Matthews, Miss M.		10	
McCullough, Mrs. James	1	25	50
McDaniel, Mrs. S.			
McDaniel, Mrs. C.	2	50	50
McDaniel, Chas. G.			
McGuigan, Mrs. R. W.		90	
McLennan, Mrs. Hugh.			
Meade, Mrs. George	1	00	
Michael, Mrs. M.		50	
Michael, Miss Mary		25	10
Miles, Mrs. Wm. H.	2	50	25
Miles, Miss Irene		40	
Miller, Mrs. Frank			
Miller, Mrs. E.	1	08	30
Miller, Miss Pamilla C.	1	00	
Miller, Mrs. Mary	1	75	25
Miller, Dr. G. M.	7	00	1 00
Miller, Dr. C. D.	2	25	
Miller, Mrs. Dr. C. D.			
Miller, Miss Katie	1	25	50
Montgomery, Mrs. T.	2	00	1 00
Moore, Mrs. Alice	1	50	25
Moore, Mrs. Geo. F.	2	00	
Moore, Mrs. Aaron			
Moore, Miss Sallie R.		75	
Moore, Heber T.		75	30
Moore, Miss Fannie E.		20	20
Moore, Miss Bessie L.		25	25
Morgan, Mrs. S. B.	10	00	1 00
Morgart, T. M.	3	00	1 50
Mortimer, G. W.	7	50	1 20
Mortimer, Mrs. G. W.	3	00	90
Mortimer, Miss Clara	1	50	90
Mortimer, Mrs. F. P.	2	50	10
Mortimer, Mrs. Morgan			
Moser, J. Michael	3	00	1 50
Moser, Mrs. J. M.	1	50	60
Moser, Miss Mamie		40	40
Moser, Miss Laura A.		60	60
Musket, Mrs. William	2	00	
Nagle, Mrs. E.	6	00	90
Nagle, Mark H.	1	25	50
Nagle, Mrs. M. H.	1	25	50
Nagle, Miss Ellen	1	08	30
Nagle, Daniel			
Nagle, Mrs. Daniel	5	00	50
Nagle, G. W.		72	
Nagle, Howard P.	1	25	
Nagle, Mrs. Henry			
Neff, Mrs. Mary		10	
Neff, Miss Kate			
Ohnmacht, Miss Kate	1	50	
Ohnmacht, Fred.		75	
Ohnmacht, Miss Mamie E.		75	
Parker, Wm. K.	1	50	45
Parker, Mrs. Wm. K.	1	50	45
Parker, Wm. H.		20	20
Parker, Miss Amy.		20	20
Patterson, Mrs. Joseph	2	10	65
Pfeifer, Miss Hattie C.		60	
Pflueger, Fred.		40	35
Pflueger, Mrs. Fred.		45	30
Pflueger, Miss Laura.		55	45
Pflueger, Miss Mamie		20	20
Phillips, Byron		50	
Phillips, Mrs. Byron		50	
Phillips, Mrs. A. L.	6	00	2 10
Pugh, Mrs. Daniel M.	1	50	
Pugh, Wm. H.	1	50	
Pugh, Zachariah	1	00	
Quinn, Mrs. Louis	3	00	60
Rabenau, Mrs. H.	1	00	
Reber, Miss Sallie			
Reed, Mrs. Morgan	1	50	25
Reed, Miss Emma		60	10
Reed, Charles		60	10
Reichert, Mrs. Joseph			
Reichert, Mrs. Edward		50	15
Reichert, Charles Edward		25	5
Reichert, Mrs. Emma			
Reichert, Jacob			
Reichert, Mrs. Susan		25	
Reith, Mrs. Robt.	1	50	
Rice, Mrs. Jacob			
Rishel, George	3	00	50
Rishel, Mrs. George	1	50	50
Rishel, Miss Minnie	1	50	30
Rishel, Charles L.	1	50	50
Rishel, Clinton D.	1	25	50
Rishel, William H.		40	10
Rishel, G. M.	3	00	60
Rishel, Mrs. G. M.	3	00	60
Risheill, Mrs. A.	1	50	60
Roehrig, Frank	2	50	
Roehrig, Mrs. Frank	2	50	
Rosengarten, Mrs. H.	4	50	1 00
Rosengarten, Miss Carrie	2	00	1 00
Rosengarten, Miss Ella	2	00	1 00
Rosengarten, Miss Clara	2	00	1 00
Rosengarten, Arthur	2	00	1 00
Rosengarten, Wm. H.			
Rosengarten, Mrs. Wm. H.			

Roth, Preston Q.			
Rowe, Mrs. John M			
Rowe, Miss Mamie A		30	15
Sabold, Mrs. Wm		75	
Sabold, Wm. H			
Saeger, W. H	2	25	20
Sallade, Miss Annie M		50	20
Sands, Wm. H		45	15
Sands, Mrs. Wm. H		45	15
Saylor, Mrs. Wm	1	25	50
Schimpf, Miss Carrie	1	00	20
Schlaseman, Elmer F			
Schlaseman, Stanley			
Schnerring, C			
Schnerring, Mrs. C			
Schock, Mrs. A			
Schrader, Miss C			60
Schrader, Miss L			60
Schrader, J. Wm	5	00	
Scott, Henry L		50	
Scott, Mrs H. L			
Sell, Miss Annie L			
Severn, I. H	1	50	60
Shappel, George	1	50	25
Shappel, Mrs. George	1	25	
Sheetz, Mrs. C	3	00	
Sheetz, Miss Nettie			
Shell, William		50	10
Shell, Mrs. William		50	30
Shellhammer, J. M	1	00	
Shellhammer, Mrs. J. M			
Shoean, Miss Amelia C			
Shollenberger, Miss M			
Shugars, Hiram	1	50	
Schum, Mrs. M		90	
Schum, Miss Clara			
Schum, John G			
Schum, C. L			
Schum, Mrs. C. L			
Sigfried, Miss R. A. L	1	00	
Silliman, Miss Tillie		90	
Skeen, Joseph H	1	50	
Skeen, Mrs. J. H	1	50	50
Skeen, Harry			
Skelly, E. J	3	00	72
Skelly, Mrs. E. J	3	00	72
Skelly, Miss Clara V	1	50	60
Smith, Mrs. Frank		15	
Smith, Miss Callie		95	
Smith, Miss Maggie		45	15
Smith, George F			
Smith, Edward C			
Snyder, Mrs. Charles	1	40	10
Snyder, Miss May		25	20
Snyder, Miss Emily P		75	20
Snyder, Miss Catharine			
Snyder, Miss Carrie	1	50	50
Snyder, Reuben			
Snyder, Walter, R			
Snyder, Miss Annie M	1	50	10
Snyder, Michael			
Snyder, Miss Katie C			
Spaecht, Fred	1	50	60
Spaecht, Mrs. Fred	1	50	60
Spaecht, John F		60	30
Spaecht, Edward		60	30
Spaecht, Daniel F		60	30
Spehrley, Mrs. H	1	75	25
Staehle, Miss Carrie		25	
Steiger, Miss Josephine			
Steinbach, Mrs. S			
Steinbach, Miss M			
Stellwagon, Mrs. Clara			
Sterner, Mrs. Oscar	1	50	60
Sterner, F. D	3	00	
Sterner, Miss Mollie E	1	50	60
Sterner, H. S	3	00	40
Sterner, Mrs. H. S	2	25	40
Sterner, Allen W	1	00	40
Sterner, Robert F	1	00	40
Stevenson, Mrs. J. G			
Stevenson, Miss Maud			
Stichter, Mrs. H. E			
Stichter, Miss Minnie			
Stichter, Valentine	3	00	25
Stichter, Mrs. Val	3	00	25
Stoffregen Miss Ida		45	20
Stout, Mrs. Samuel	1	40	60
Stout, Miss Katie M		60	
Stout, Robt. B		95	30
Summons, Mrs. Joseph		50	
Teter, John	3	40	75
Teter, Mrs. John	1	25	50
Teter, Miss Lydia	1	50	65
Thomas, Miss Mary			
Transue, Prof. G. A	2	50	
Transue, Mrs. G. A	2	50	
Wagner, Mrs. John	1	00	
Walbridge, Mrs. Harriet	1	00	10
Walbridge, Miss Cora			
Walbridge, Miss Edith M		50	
Walker, Miss Fannie B			
Weaver, Mrs. G. F	1	75	
Weiderhold, Mrs. C	1	50	60
Weiderhold, John		50	10
Welker, George C			
Welker, Mrs. George C			
Wells, Mrs. Geo. K		25	5
Werner, Miss Maria		50	50
Weston, R. G	1	25	50
Weston, Mrs. R. G	1	25	50
Weston, Miss I. Pearl		50	25
Weston, Miss Laura		50	25
Wilde, Mrs. George			
Wilde, Harry L			
Wildermuth, Albert L	1	50	60
Wildermuth, Mrs. A. L	1	50	60
Williams, W. R	6	00	50
Williams, Mrs. W. R	6	00	50
Williams, David L	1	50	60
Williams, Mrs. D. L	1	50	60
Williams, Thomas	1	50	25
Williams, Mrs. William	1	25	50
Witman, Oscar P	2	40	60
Witman, Mrs. O. P	2	40	60
Wolfinger, Mrs. M	1	50	60
Wolfinger, John	1	50	60
Work, Miss Bertha L			
Wright, Charles J		50	25
Wright, Thomas			

Young, Mrs. Rachael.....		
Zeiders, Mrs. C. V.....		
Zimmerman, Miss M.....		
Zimmerman, Miss Ella.....	95	80
Total,.....	$650 10	$145 09

POTTSVILLE, PA., JAN. 1, 1890.

To the Pastor, Council, and Members of the English Lutheran Church of Pottsville.

Herewith I beg to submit my first annual report as Treasurer, from Jan. 1st, 1889, to Dec. 31st, 1889.

GENERAL FUND.

					Dr.
Amount rec'd from Bro. G. M. Rishel, late Treasurer,					6 01
Am't rec'd during m'th			Jan.,	115 55	
"	"	"	Feb.,	128 03	
"	"	"	Mch.,	143 97	
"	"	"	April,	229 49	
"	"	"	May,	118 33	
"	"	"	June,	173 51	
"	"	"	July,	112 21	
"	"	"	Aug.	95 71	
"	"	"	Sept.,	127 50	
"	"	"	Oct.,	131 78	
"	"	"	Nov.,	127 63	
"	"	"	Dec.,	163 72	1,667 43
Total receipts for the year,					1,673 44

					Cr.
Am't paid out,	10	orders,	Jan.,	140 64	
"	"	"	Feb.,	154 10	
"	"	"	Mch.,	147 94	
"	"	"	Apr.,	107 41	
"	"	"	May,	125 28	
"	"	"	June,	140 94	
"	"	"	July,	186 96	
"	"	"	Aug.,	111 76	
"	"	"	Sept.,	120 64	
"	"	"	Oct.,	165 31	
"	"	"	Nov.,	157 61	
"	"	"	Dec.,	125 64	
Am't paid out on 110 orders,					1,683 23
Leaving bal. deficit, Jan. 1, '90,					10 79

MISSIONARY FUND.

					Dr.
Amount received from Bro. G. M. Rishel, late Treasurer,					71 83
Rec'd from		J. H. Helwig,	Jan.,	28 57	
"	"	"	Feb.,	42 73	
"	"	"	Mar.,	18 72	
"	"	"	April,	30 32	
"	"	"	May,	21 94	
"	"	"	June,	33 92	
"	"	C. T. Brown,	"	36 01	
"	"	J. H. Helwig,	July,	20 95	
"	"	Chr. Workers,	"	20 00	
"	"	J. H. Helwig,	Aug.,	22 75	
Rec'd from		J. H. Helwig,	Sept.,	37 29	
"	"	"	Oct.,	36 64	
"	"	"	Nov.,	29 48	
"	"	"	Dec.,	33 48	412 8
To total receipts for the year,					484 6

					Cr.
Paid to		Rev. Geo. Scholl,		20 00	
"	"	"	J. A. Hackenburg,	354 64	374 6
Leaving bal. Jan. 1, 1890,					109 9

IMPROVEMENT FUND.

					Dr.
Amount received from Bro. G. M. Rishel, late Treasurer,					56 7
Rec'd from		J. H. Helwig,	Feb.,	31 50	
"	"	"	Mch.,	29 50	
"	"	"	April,	7 00	
"	"	"	May,	5 00	
"	"	"	June,	2 00	
"	"	General Fund,	July,	52 50	
"	"	J. H. Helwig,	"	20 75	
"	"	J. W. Bock,	"	194 26	
"	"	J. H. Helwig,	"	7 80	
"	"	"	Aug.,	41 42	
"	"	"	Sept.,	38 65	
"	"	"	Oct.,	28 35	
"	"	"	Nov.,	41 35	
"	"	"	Dec.,	204 00	704 0
To am't rec'd to Dec. 31, '89,					760 8

					Cr.
Paid	C. Adcock & Son in full,			184 25	
"	Beebe & Son, Architects,			10 00	
"	Weed & Saylor on acc't.,			500 00	
"	Smith & Bro., Architects,			65 00	759 2
Leaving balance Jan. 1, '90,					1 5

EDWARD FOX,
Treasurer.

JAN. 1st, 1890.

In connection with the foregoing, would stat that the orders were drawn for the followin objects:

Pastor's Salary, ...	$ 1000 0
Janitor's Salary, ...	156 2
Organist's Salary, ...	100 0
Secretary's Salary, ...	23 0
Gas Bills, ...	58 5
Coal and Hauling, ...	61 7
Printing and Stationary, ...	44 1
Water Bills, ...	21 6
Plumbing Bill, ...	28 0
Carpenter and Painting Bills, ...	16 3
Val. Stichter and Hardware, ...	32 9
A. S. Keiser, Carpets, ...	30 0
Pastor's substitutes, ...	15 0
Expenses to Synod and Conference, ...	12 8
Sundries, ...	82 7
	$1,683 2

The total sum of money raised by the Congregation during the year past was for the folowing objects:

General Fund,.....	1,667 43
Missions, ...	412 80
Improvement Fund, ...	704 08
	$2,784 31

EDWARD FOX,
Treasurer.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The undersigned Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Secretary and Treasurer of the Eng. Evangelical Lutheran Church, do respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them and find the accounts correct with the following results:

General Fund we find a deficit of $10.79; the Improvement Fund, balance in Treasury, $1.58; the Mission Fund, balance in Treasury, $109.99.

Committee: { H. W. KRINER, WM. H. BROWN, JOHN TETER.

Jan. 7th, 1890.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

RECEIVED.

JAN. 12.

Mr. C. A. W. Riffert,
Mr. J. I. Saul,
Mrs. J. I. Saul.

BAPTIZED.

DEC. 19.

Marion Stout.

DEC. 25.

Lucy Adaline Keiser,

MARRIED.

DEC. 28.

Mr. Eli T. Miller,
Mrs. Elizabeth Seward.

BURIED.

DEC. 9.

Mrs. Franklin Reber.

DEC. 18.

Amelia Hill.

DEC. 29.

Mrs. Lydia Kantner.

JAN. 8, 1890.

Mr. John Hower.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTION AND REPORT.

The Annual Election of Sunday School Officers resulted in the selection of the same persons to these important positions. A better testimony to the character of last year's work under their administration could not be given. Among other statistics for the year 1889, the following were offered: Average attendance, 376; increase in attendance, 57; Scholars on roll, Main Room, 384; Scholars on roll, Second Department, 68; Scholars on roll, Infant Department, 100; Teachers and Officers, 45. Present Membership, 597.

Contribution, Main Room, $356.59; Contribution, 2nd. Department, $38.39; Contribution, Infant Department, $37.85. Total contribution, $432.83.

A GIFT.

The very handsome book mark discovered recently by pastor and congregation in our pulpit Bible is the kind and appreciated gift of Mrs. G. M. Rishel. In the name of the congregation, thanks!

Catechetical Class every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Church Parlor. Come at once. You will be made welcome.

The Christmas Services of our Sabbath-School were much enjoyed by young and old.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. A. Billington,
Mrs. C. Bensinger,
Mrs. F. C. Currier,
Miss Mary Faus,
Miss Ellen Nagle,
Mrs. J. H. Skeen.

English Lutheran Church—Garfield Square.

PASTOR, REV. E. G. HAY.

PARSONAGE 515 W. MARKET STREET.

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Pastor—REV. E. G. HAY.

ELDERS.	DEACONS.
Wm. R. Williams	J. H. Helwig,
Edward Fox,	H. S. Sterner,
N. Brownmiller,	S. M. Enterline,
Daniel Christian,	E. J. Skelly,
F. E. Deisher.	Oscar P. Witman.

TRUSTEES:—W. R. Williams, F. E. Deisher, and Edward Fox.

SECRETARY:—J. H. Helwig.

TREASURER:—Edward Fox.

Sabbath School Organization.

SUPERINTENDENT, H. S. Sterner; ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, J. H. Helwig.

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OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY FIVE.

Church Choir.

Meetings for practice every Friday Evening at 7.30.

Leader — Dr. P. K. Filbert.
Organist, - Mrs. G. M. Rishel.

OTHER MEMBERS—FIFTEEN.

Womens' Missionary Society.

Organized December 1, 1886

Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

President, Miss Katie Dentzer.
Vice President, Mrs. Thomas Geier.
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Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Hill.

OTHER MEMBERS—FORTY-TWO.

Children's Missionary Society.

Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meetings.

Literary Society.

Organized April 28, 1886.

Meets twice a month. Dues Ten Cents a month. Other obligations:— To meet all appointments or submit to a fine for the benefit of the Treasury.

President, Dr. C. D. Miller.
V. President, Katie Kaiser.
Secretary, Howard P. Nagle.
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OTHER MEMBERS—TWENTY-SEVEN.

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Organized December 15, 1886.

Meetings on the Second and Third Wednesday of each month. Regular dues, Ten Cents a month.

President, Miss C. Schrader.
Vice President. Mrs. Edward Green.
Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Phillips.
Treasurer, Miss L. Schrader.

OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY-SIX.

Christian Workers.

Organized, November 27, 1887. Meetings the Second and Fourth Saturday Afternoons of each month, at 2.30. in the Infant Room.

President, Miss Mollie Sterner.
V. President, Mrs. E. G. Hay.
Secretary, Miss Emma Reed.
Treasurer, Miss Nellie Mortimer.
Organist, Miss Jennie Conrad.

OTHER MEMBERS—FORTY.

Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

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OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY-TWO.

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OFFICERS.

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Vice President, Mrs. E. J. Skelly.
Secretary, Mrs. E. Reichert.

OTHER MEMBERS.—SIXTY.

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Middle Ward:—Mrs. Edward Reichard, with Mrs. C. Dimmick, Mrs. C. Wiederhold, Mrs. M. B. Bell, Mrs. A. Risheill, Mrs. G. H. Dentzer and Miss Eva Dengler.

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South-East Ward:— Mrs. John Conrad, with Mrs. G. C. Welker, Miss Lidie Crosland and Mrs. A. Billington.

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MISSION WORK.

At their last meeting, The Women's Missionary Society took the following action:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the English Lutheran Church of Pottsville, most heartily extend a vote of thanks to the members of the congregation and friends who so generously assisted in preparing our Missionary Box and making our effort a success; also to Mr. Edward Fox, who kindly aided us in correspondence concerning, and in the packing and shipping of the same, in addition to his other valuable help.

We desire also to extend a cordial invitation to all to attend our monthly meetings and to keep active the spirit of interest our late enterprise has awakened.

The box referred to above was sent to Rev. F. W. Scheibel, a Home Missionary at Campbell, Franklin County, Nebraska. We quote portions of his letter, written after receiving it, and addressed to the Corresponding Secretary of our Mission Society.

CAMPBELL, Neb., Dec. 10, 1889.

Dear Sister E. G. Hay:

Early this morning I received, per express, the valuable Box of Presents that you so kindly sent me.

Oh! what joy for me, my dear wife and children, when we saw the valuable and appropriate presents. My heart was deeply affected, and overflowed with thanks to God and all the dear ones who contributed to our happiness. This is indeed a Christlike work of love, and may "He," according to his promise, richly bless you and all your co-workers, "Inasmuch as ye have done this unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," yes, even the cup of water that is given in His name shall not remain unrewarded.

God bless you abundantly, and all others who aided you in mitigating our distress; may the Lord who loves cheerful givers reward you many fold, both here upon earth and in heaven above. In our heavenly home we shall have the pleasure also of pressing the hands of all our friends in thankfulness and rejoice with them, for there shall be no sorrow, no pain, no want, for ever in that blessed home. May our faithful and loving Saviour bless you and all those who loved us, and made manifest their love by their deeds, and may you and all our fellow Christians rejoice in happy and joyous Christmas Season.

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POTTSVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Pottsville was organized in the month of June, 1889, in the Second Presbyterian Church. Its Officers for the first year were as follows:

President, P. W. Sheafer; Vice Presidents, A. J. Pilgram, Esq. and C. Little, Esq.; Secretary, S. C. Kirk and Treasurer, S. B. Briscoe. The Board of Managers, whose meetings were to be held monthly, was constituted, in addition to the above, of Messrs. O. P. Witman, E. G. Matthews, A. W. Seltzer, W. K. Parker, J. A. Medlar, Charles Strauch, George Owens, Geo. Snyder and B. I. Shaefer.

The Reading Rooms in the Miners' Journal Building were kindly offered by Mr. P. W. Sheafer, as a temporary place for the Association's Business and Devotional Meetings, with the privilege of indefinite continuance.

Until the 12th of January, 1890, Devotional Meetings for Young Men were held in this place each Sunday at 4 P. M. On and since the above date, meetings of similar character have been conducted at the same hour in the various Churches, the invitations thereto being extended to all, irrespective of age or sex.

While the Association accepted with gratitude the use of the proffered rooms, the feeling from the first prevailed that a more central locality would be an additional advantage, and efforts looking to that end were put forth. A partial endeavor to secure a regular fund for the proper support of the Association was also made. The response of the few who were called upon was sufficiently cheerful and liberal to justify the belief that the Association need not pause in its enterprises for any fear of adequate financial support.

The Board of Managers, by a provision of the Constitution, is modified yearly, the term of office of one-third of its number expiring. The Officers are chosen annually by this body from the Board itself. The Board of Managers and Officers elect for 1890, are as follows:

President, W. K. Parker; Vice President, S. M. Enterline, Esq.; Secretary, E. G. Matthews; Treasurer, Prof. S. A. Thurlow. Other Members: F. J. Sheafer, W. J. Glenn, G. A. Berner, J. G. Smith, E. Williams, A. J. Pilgram, Esq., J. A. Super, P. A. Roth, C. Little, Esq., S. B. Briscoe and Charles Strauch.

The Sunday Afternoon public meetings are still continued with decidedly increasing interest. We are glad to be able to say that a splendid location has been secured for the future headquarters of the Association. Mr. F. L. Shissler is about to erect a fine four-story building on Centre Street near Mahantongo, in the very heart of our city, and the whole second floor has been rented for a long term and is to be built in accordance with suggestions from the managers of the Association. In addition to the large Meeting Room, there will be a Director's or Consultation Room, with gymnasium and baths in the rear. The building will be ready for occupancy in a few months and preparations are now being made to furnish them suitably as soon as we get possession. The following are the Standing Committees of the Board of Managers:

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Vacancies Committee.— P. A. Roth, Chairman; Chas Strauch, J. G. Smith.

This movement, now so energetically being carried forward, and having for its well-known object the intellectual, social and, above all, *spiritual* welfare of our young men, should certainly have the sympathy, prayers and hearty support of all good citizens.

If you have any children of suitable age, send them to the Catechetical Class. Meets every Tuesday evening.

ANNIVERSARY.

On the Ninth of February, 1887, the Young Men's Christian Association of our Congregation was established. On Sunday Evening, the Ninth of the present month, the celebration of this anniversary took the place of our regular Church Service. Brief addresses were made, setting forth the history and work of the Association.

The pastor spoke of the importance, in general, of organizations within the Church, and of the value, to this congregation, of this particular Association. Brother J. H. Helwig, the President for the first two years, narrated the circumstances which led to the establishment of the Association by himself and six others, and its growth in numbers and influence during that period. Brother E. J. Skelly, the President during the third year, then told of its development in this time, calling especially to mind the organization and work of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society. The report of that body, prepared by its Secretary, Miss Katie Dentzer, was read by brother George M. Rishel, present Secretary of the Association — reporting among other things some 290 visits they had made upon the sick. Brother Howard P. Nagle the retiring Secretary of the Association, then rendered his report for the year, as did also brother W. K. Parker, the Treasurer. All bills have been paid and a balance, though not a heavy one, remains in the treasury.

The present President, brother O. P. Witman, spoke of the importance of the work in which we are engaged, and of the plans which he proposed with God's help, to pursue, that still greater results might ensue.

Brother Sterner, another of the organizers of the Association, gave further interesting facts as to the motives that led to its establishment, and the discouragements which had often attended it, over which God had helped it to triumph. These brethren all extended cordial invitations to the congregation in general to take a deeper interest in this work and assist by their presence and efforts in the meetings held every Sunday Evening from 6.30 to 7.30 for both sexes. The exercises were varied by the singing of appropriate hymns and a pleasing anthem by the choir. It is hoped that the Association will secure that general co-operation in its excellent work which the celebration of its anniversary in this form, was designed to elicit.

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CATECHUMENS.

It has been the practice of the Christian Church from very early days, to gather young people together under the instruction of pastors, forming classes of Catechumens. In these Catechetical Classes, as they are still called today, *the scholars are taught of Christ and his salvation.* Those who are needlessly or willfully ignorant of the nature of these gatherings, often misrepresent them. Some of the grossly ignorant ridicule them. Lutherans believe in them. We have such a class, or are just organizing one. Old or young are equally welcome there. Sometimes older people need the instruction given more than some of the children. A welcome to all. Class meets every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Lecture Room of the Church. Come.

THE improvements now in progress upon our Church building will form, when completed, no unimportant addition to the Church architecture of the town. It should be a matter of gratification to all citizens to be able to contribute something to so worthy a project. This may be done either directly, by handing contributions to the pastor or Church Officers as has already in several instances been done, or by patronizing with liberality our approaching Festival.

AS USUAL the announcement of a Festival in Centennial Hall causes anticipations of happiness in the hearts of those who know what a good thing is when they hear of it — and the bright boys and girls of the Sunday-School are on the alert for purchasers of Admission Tickets. Who of these will give the best report?

TO THE BLANKS!

That is, to those who have a blank space after their names on the last report, where there should have been recorded a contribution for *missions*, we want to say, you could *surely* have done something in six months if you had tried. You ought to do better. The Sunday-School is doing better than ever before in this, but because it wants to help along in Christ's work —not that you may get out of doing your share. Success in this, as in everything else, depends upon the hearty and willing co-operation of *all*. We have succeeded in meeting the reasonable request of Synod for several years past. We would be more than ashamed to fall short this year. Yet we certainly will unless more of the "blanks" come up to the measure of duty and privilege here.

TALMAGE VISITS GLADSTONE.

Dr. Talmage, of Brooklyn, recently took luncheon and spent the afternoon with Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden Castle, in response to an urgent invitation. Dr. Talmage was received very cordially by the ex-Premier and the two gentlemen had a long talk on religion and political questions.

Mr. Gladstone said: "Talk about questions of the day, there is but one question, and that is the gospel. It can and will correct everything needing correction. All men at the head of great movements are Christian men. During the many years I was in the Cabinet I was brought into association with sixty master minds, and all but five of them were Christians. My only hope for the world is in bringing the human mind into contact with divine revelation."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Have you no children who should attend the Sunday-School, but whom you allow to stay at home? If you are indifferent to their needs, whether they feel that need or not, and you exert no proper authority over them to bring them under spiritual instruction, believe me, parent, you are sowing the seed of a terrible harvest.

Send your children to some Sunday-School. Send all of them. Send them regularly. If they are accustomed to go nowhere else, send them to the Lutheran Sunday-School. We wish to interfere with none, but to do good to all. Our School meets at 2 o'clock every Sunday Afternoon and newcomers will be cordially welcomed. God bless our school, and all others that bring children to Christ!

We are sorry when any errors occur on these pages, especially when they slip into our semi-annual reports. Sometimes we have the partial satisfaction of discovering how they chanced to occur. At other times we are at an utter loss to account for them in any way. Of this character was the omission of the name, in our last report, of Miss Minnie Heller with her contributions of $1.50 to the General Fund, and 60 cents for missions. She will please pardon the unintentional error. This is the only mistake in the report to which our attention has been called. We will gladly correct in these pages any others that may be pointed out.

LUTHERAN POPULATION.—One-fifth of the population of Pennsylvania; and one-twelfth of the entire United States.

PORT CARBON.

At the last meeting of Lebanon Conference, whose sessions we were too ill to attend, the following action was taken concerning the Port Carbon Lutheran Church.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that Port Carbon ought to be supplied by the pastor of Pottsville. That Bros. Croll and Hay be appointed to look after Port Carbon, and if possible, to affect such an arrangement, and report at the next meeting of Conference the Condition of affairs."

To the best of our knowledge this congregation was founded by Rev. Dr. Steck, the first pastor of our Church. It has had eras of prosperity when able for a season to support a pastor of its own—but has been occasionally supplied at other intervals by pastors from the Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven and Minersville congregations. Rev. J. A. Singmaster of Schuylkill Haven, supplied it from Dec. 22, 1878, to Nov, 10, 1882, in which interval he performed fifteen baptisms, four wedding ceremonies, conducted nine funeral services and added thirty-five members to the Church. Under his pastorate the Church organization was perfected, the building renovated and a small debt considerably reduced. Despite the above named additions the losses by removal, etc, had reduced the membership at the close of his pastorate to thirty-two.

At the request of Conference and the congregation, after Rev. Sing master's resignation at Schuylkill Haven, we assumed the pastoral oversight of this people on the 10th of Nov. 1882, continuing until January 17th, 1886, baptising fourteen children, performing four wedding ceremonies, conducting three funerals and receiving twenty-eight into membership. In this interval the remaining debt of $300 was liquidated, and improvements added to the Church property amounting to $600.

The congregation then felt encouraged to attempt, with help from Conference, the support of a resident pastor. In this way Rev. S. V. Dye served them until last July, since which time Rev. Croll, the President of Conference has either himself supplied them at intervals or looked after their interests.

In accordance with resolutions of Conference above given, an arrangement has now been effected by which we will supply this people for one year upon alternate Sabbath afternoons. That they have also prevailed upon brother Croll to supply them upon the other Sabbaths — thus securing one service each week, should be a matter of congratulation to them, and it will prove equally pleasing to Conference, whose duty it is to look after vacant congregations and do the best for them in their power.

Our Sabbath-School here is in the hands of tried and competent workers, and our absence on these errands of helpfulness should prove no detriment to the work at home.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH BY COMPARISON.— She is by far the largest Protestant Church in the world. The very name "Protestant" originated with her. There are *fifty million* or more bearing the name Lutheran. The people of our Church are found chiefly in Germany, Austria, Russia, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland, Holland, France, England,

East and West Indies, European Turkey, South America, Africa, Madagascar, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and United States of America ; while there are scattered congregations in nearly every other country in the world to which Christianity has extended.

THE Port Carbon correspondent of the *Evening Chronicle* has taken the following notice of the first copy of a Church Paper we are now circulating there:

"*The Port Carbon Lutheran* is the title of a bright monthly edited and published for free distribution in the interests of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Port Carbon, by Rev. E. G. Hay, the pastor. The paper gives interesting statistics concerning the Church and Sabbath-School which together with interesting reading for young and old makes it a very entertaining sheet."

MISS WEISER'S BEQUEST.

Another gift has come to the College—a bequest of $5000 from Miss Theodosia Weiser, a most estimable Christian lady, of York, Pa. We understand that the income is to be used in helping indigent students, but we cannot now give the precise wording of the bequest. And this is not all. We are gratified to learn that she also bequeathed $5000 to the Theological Seminary for the same purpose as the College bequest, and to the General Synod Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension each $5000, thus making an aggregate of $20,000. This is an example worthy of the highest commendation and one that deserves to be followed by our Christian men and women who have been blessed with this world's goods. These legacies will go on doing good for the centuries to come, and will keep the generous giver's name green in the memory of the Church.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly.*

A TRAGEDY.

ACT I.—Young man starting from home. Parents and sisters weeping to have him go. *Let the curtain drop.*

ACT II.—Marriage altar. Bright lights. Full organ. White veil trailing through the aisle. Prayer and congratulation and exclamation of "How well she looks!" *Let the curtain drop.*

ACT III.—Midnight. Woman waiting for staggering steps. Old garments stuck into the broken window. Marks of hardship on the face. Neglect, cruelty, disgrace. *Let the curtain drop.*

ACT IV.—Three graves in a dark place. Grave of child who died from lack of food. Grave of wife who died of a broken heart. Grave of husband and father who died of dissipation. Plenty of weeds, but no flowers. A blasted heath with three graves. *Let the curtain drop.*

ACT V.—A destroyed soul's eternity. No light; no music; no hope! Despair coiling around the heart with unutterable anguish. Blackness of darkness forever! Last act of the tragedy. *Let the curtain drop.*

—*Observer.*

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Annual Meetings.

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LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN CITIES.

In some of the older cities our Church has long had a standing, while in some of the younger cities she has more recently commenced operations. The work of planting new Churches in the cities is now showing increasing progress. The following figures will show the number of our Churches in some of the centres of population:

Boston, Mass.....	6	Milwaukee, Wis.....	21
New York, N. Y....	20	Minneapolis, Minn..	24
Philadelphia, Pa....	39	St. Paul, Minn.....	18
Baltimore, Md.....	18	Omaha, Neb.....	10
Washington, D. C...	11	Denver, Col.....	7
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	18	Portland, Or.....	8
Chicago, Ill.....	46	San Francisco, Cal..	8

"My dear parent, bear with me. I only seek your good. Your child knows that you are, or that you are not, a member of some Church. Does your child know by the atmosphere in your home, by the teaching of your lips, your prayers with them and for them, and by the example of your life, that you are a consistent and devoted follower of Christ? Such a parent will not remain out of the Church, and such a life will not fail to save a child."

FORSAKING GOD'S HOUSE.

The forsaking of God's house by many who once attended, is one of the common and most hurtful sins of our times. Some who once were faithful and exerted a good influence in the world, who really helped to advance the kingdom of Christ, have forsaken the courts of the Lord, and are now helping the world away from Him. It is a tremendous evil. The causes are many. There must always be a pretext for such a course. With a few it is prosperity. They are absorbed in business — it flatters them, they are successful, it has made them self-sufficient, they have no room for Christ, no time for worship, no desire for spiritual associations and ministries. Poor souls. The evil day has not come yet, but they have opened the door and it is on the way. Others find their pretext in adversity. One excuse is as good as the other. They both serve the same end. This adversity is meant for discipline — men neglect God's house and use it for a pretext, and at last it stings like a lash. It was meant to humble—it is used to encourage pride; the house of the Lord is meant to comfort such — they turn their trouble into a bar to fasten the door of the sanctuary against themselves. With others something else has come in. The young husband and wife find much in one another, and they should; but, if on that account, Christ is no longer welcome, and His house is neglected, how wrong it is. So there are many homes neglectful of the sanctuary and of God's appointed ordinances. In some of these are children who are growing up scarce knowing that there is such a being as a God, such a book as the Bible, such a day as the Sabbath, and such a place as the house of God. Many go to the theatre, and here and there, but for the house of God they have no taste, no pleasure in its ministries. Ah, this is not the way to prosperity. How can we expect to love and enjoy heaven so long as the house of God is distasteful to us. There we need no pretext. It will be as we have chosen. But where is the evil? Not in the pretexts offered. It is not in prosperity, not adversity, not "wife won't go," not "husband won't go," not this or that, but this — "I like most to stay at home or go elsewhere." The evil is not in outward circumstances, but in the inward condition, in the heart. No reference is here made to the "shut in" ones who yearn for the courts of the Lord, but cannot come, but to the larger number who can say: "I once went, I once prayed, took the Lord's Supper, but! but! but!" Alas! it is the plea of spiritual death. And this is the sowing of a multitude. What of the harvest? Dear reader, I write in love, I would only bring you good now, and when every cup of the world is empty, and you stand alone before God. May God's gentle, faithful, but grieved Spirit, lead you to hear in time.—*Dr. M. Rhoads.*

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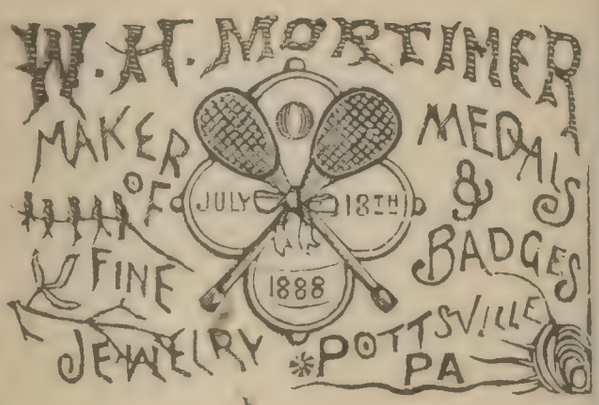

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THE DISCOURAGING BROTHER.

There is one office it is no honor to fill. The one who fills it most completely is least deserving of honor. We refer to the office of religious brakeman, habitual discourager, general depressing agent and enemy of sanctified enthusiasm. It is commonly supposed that success and happiness in Christian service depend on hopefulness, cheerfulness and good spirits. This frame of mind has been found most friendly to every good undertaking and on good terms with hard work. Good-natured, buoyant souls are never around candidating for the position of brakeman, but aspire to a place near the engine and in partnership with the source of power.

But there are a few, and we are glad they are but few, who find it more agreeable to their nature to put a check on the fervor of their brethren. They stand with willing hands on the brake, ready at the first appearance of quickened speed to give the wheel a few vigorous turns to hold things back from too rapid progress. They are afraid affairs will run off. They are in mental dread of a wreck. They are set for a defence against down grades. Everything seems to them to be heading towards a precipice, and on them alone is laid the power or wisdom to avert impending ruin. It can be said of some of them that they are faithful to their assumed responsibilities.

This office does not demand a very high order of talents in its incumbents. It is filled by the humbler class of talents. Indeed too much mental capacity and largeness of ideas are seriously in the way of effectiveness. A little bit of skill added to a strong disposition in this direction is sufficient. One who could not hope for distinction in any other calling has been known to amount to a positive and successful paralyzer to a whole church in some good work. This icy brother is not heard for his eloquence or felt for his much power; it is his low temperature that does the work. The modern scheme of making ice under a tropical sun is but a poor imitation of the brother we are describing. He is the original, genuine patent; all others are base imitations.

The prayer-meeting furnishes a fine field for this restrainer of feeling. Just as the brethren are beginning to grow ardent over the full attendance and the promptness of those who take part, it is his opportunity to suggest in a long metre speech that it is a sad comment on our religion that not half of the members are present, and that comparatively few of those present give evidence of intelligent faith. He soon reduces the temperature from boiling to freezing. You see there are so many week places in the ordinary Church that he can make every stroke tell. There are so many openings that the chilling winds soon fill the place. He is a success. He kills the next prayer-meeting by killing this.

When the revival season is at hand and there is a quickened religious feeling prevalent, our brother magnifies his office. He preaches that excitement is the great foe of genuine conversion, and that as serious and reasonable a matter as religion ought to be entered upon deliberately, coolly, intelligently. Unfortunately he can illustrate his theory by many a conspicuous example of noisy professions terminating in a falling off into violent

nbelief. He favors a quiet work of race. He has studied his speech a ear, and gets it off at a time when its ooling effect will be most felt.

If the subject is that of missions to ny particular locality or people, and t is calling out a blaze of interest, it s very easy for him to divert attention o some other field and break up the ntensity of interest. Why pray and give for the conversion of China while here are several hundred people in earing of the Church who are not onverted ! Why send money away or any object of benevolence while he Church finds it hard to raise money or its own expenses ! It is a doubtful benevolence to aid in the education of ministers while there are examples of beneficiaries who never amounted to nything, and of self-educated men who ose to highest distinction. Just a few acts like these and a small lump of ice pon them will do the work for any warm interest in ministerial education.

If a neighboring mission appeals for help, somebody can speak truthfully and say that it is not wisely located, or that it has not been well managed, or that another Church ought to provide for its support. You may depend on our skillful reducer of temperature to come in at the right time with a few objections that he keeps on hand, and when he gets through he has turned the tropics into winter. The stream of benevolence freezes at higher temperature than any other stream in this climate.

The brakeman is not a bad man to have aboard the train. We feel safer to know that he is along and that he understands the signals. But you don't want him to go ahead to the locomotive, cut off steam and shut the whole train down. We need him at the steep down grades and at the stations. It is a saving of time to have his services. But if he is forever twisting that old wheel and fighting the engineer and causing the train to fall behind the time table, he is a positive detriment.

We like the cautious, cool brother, who keeps us supplied with ice, but we do not want ice in the furnace and everywhere else. In religion we like to see a good degree of heat.

—*Selected.*

GO HOME, BOYS.

Boys, don't hang around the corner of the streets. If you have anything to do, do it promptly, right off, then go home Home is the place for boys. About the street corners and at the stables they learn to talk slang, and they learn to swear, to smoke tobacco, and to do many other things which they ought not to do.

Attend to your business and then go home. If your business is to play, play and make a business of it. I like to see boys play good, earnest, healthy games. If I was the town I would give the boys a good, spacious playground. It should have plenty of soft, green grass, and trees, and fountains, and broad space to run and jump and to play suitable games. I would make it as pleasant, as lovely as could be, and I would give it to the boys to play in, and when the play was ended, I would tell them to go home.—*Selected.*

OUR FESTIVAL.

Our Festival on the Evenings of the 19th and 20th of February afforded us all a pleasant social gathering and yielded net proceeds of $186.13.

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TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLES' MEETINGS.

Feb. 23.—A Due Reaping Gal. 6 : 9.
O. P. WHITMAN.
Mar. 2.—The Anticipation and Confidence of Believers. Psalm 23 : 4 and 6.
H. P. NAGLE.
" 9.—Compassion. Mark 8 : 2.
H. S. STERNER.
" 16.—Resignation in Trial. Luke 22 : 42.
E. J. SKELLY.
" 23.—The Narrow Way. Luke 13 : 23–20.
J. H. HELWIG.
" 30.—Submission to God's Word. Matt. 4 : 7.
H. P. NAGLE.
Apr. 13.—Waiting a Convenient Season.
Prov. 27 : 1. G. M. RISHEL.
" 20.—Subjection. John 14 : 31.
O. P. WITMAN.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERARY SOCIETY

Have just done a good act in turning over Twenty-Five Dollars of their cash in hand, into the Church Improvement Fund. In the name of Council and Congregation, Thanks !

Brother S. M. Enterline, Esq., has been elected President of the Young Men's Christian Association of Pottsville ; and brother G. M. Rishel chosen to fill a vacancy on the Board of Managers.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Are naturally especially interested in the success of the Mission Band. By permission of the officers of the former, their meeting this month will be postponed one hour, to enable them to be present at the entertainment of the Band. As the lateness of their gathering in the Church Parlor will not admit of the taking up of the regular Lesson-Study, their meeting will be for business only.

The advertisements we carry are sufficient of themselves to sustain this sheet. Everything received, therefore, in the way of subscriptions, can be applied directly to improvements in the condition of the Church or parsonage. A few more subscribers from among our people would enable us to add somethings needed at the parsonsonage without drawing upon the General Fund. The response given our young friend who canvassed the congregation for subscriptions at the beginning of the year, was quite hearty. There were some, indeed a number, who proposed to respond a little later, and who have probably overlooked it. Now is as good a time as any to attend to this. When you go out to make purchases, remember our advertisers also. They certainly deserve it.

Expressions of most earnest regret are heard upon every hand, at the painful accident that has befallen our worthy Treasurer, brother Edw. Fox.

Give the pastor your name as soon as possible, if you desire to unite with the Church on Easter Sunday.

EASTER ACCESSION.

We anticipate, at the present time, the admission of a very small number of new members at Easter. We could hardly indeed expect many after the unusually large number of receptions only a year ago; and especially when among that number, there were so many of the very young, who, but for the special interest at that time, would have constituted the bulk of the classes of this year and of next.

Occasional "Revival Services" are good, when they are needed, but reaction always follows until a congregation reassumes its normal course of development.

There have been hindrances too, in the way of pastor and people, that have providentially prevented as large a degree of direct effort in this line, as is customary at this season.

The wide spread ravages of an epidemic which our community fully shared with others, and whose grip has not altogether yet been relaxed in many instances, were at their height during the Week of Prayer and those which followed, and the pastor could do little more for several weeks than spend his time at the bedside of the sick, or take the needful precautions against unnecessary exposure to which alone he attributes, under God, his own escape. There is a pleasure in seeing the wheels move fast, especially in God's work — but there are times when God himself appears to say "move slowly."

We are the more reconciled to our lot at the approaching season, when we remember two things: First, that with all the unusual distractions of a season marked by sickness in almost every family, there has been inaugurated and carried to completion by far the best improvement that has been put upon the Church in the more than nine years of our associated effort; and second, that the growth of our congregation has already been so phenomenally rapid, that there are scarcely two brethren in council personally acquainted with all the membership we already have. Under these circumstances we shall not murmur if the Lord shall afford us somewhat longer time and better opportunity to blend into harmony of labor with the mass of the congregation, the large addition of membership so recently bestowed, before he grants us additional recruits — yet, in confidence in his unfailing help, and in the love of souls, we would still invite in all earnestness, many others yet to come to Him.

Not for the mere sake of numbers, for numbers alone are no index of a congregation's strength for God — not for the sake of numbers, but for their own souls' sake, we yet plead with those who have long halted between two opinions to stop their hazardous vacillation between the service of God and the sinful pleasures of the world and to come boldly out upon the Lord's side and witness a good confession of their faith and love toward Him before many witnesses.

We are in receipt of the second issue of St. Matthew's Lutheran, a neat eight page congregational paper edited by Rev. P. C. Croll of Schuylkill Haven. His list of subscribers is deservedly a long one in his own vicinity, and should be made still longer by his friends in Pottsville. It will cost you, reader, but Twenty-Five cents a year. We will hand him your subscription, if you desire it.

OUR STEEPLE.

Another good project has been carried to completion since our last issue. Our new steeple, handsomely adorned with paint and gilding, and costing something over $1,600, is now finished. It reflects great credit upon our Trustees, Bros. Fox, Williams and Deisher, under whose careful oversight it was begun and finished. It rises beautifully upon the view from almost every portion of the town and has drawn forth unstinted expressions of admiration from the most intelligent sources. For the more specific information of our readers out of town, we append a description given in a local paper.

"The new steeple on the English Lutheran Church at Garfield Square has just been completed. It is certainly the most handsome in this city. The tip of the steeple is one hundred and eighteen feet from the ground. The finial part represents a crown which is beautifully gilded. Sixteen feet below the crown the steeple is sheathed in copper, with crockets that are handsomely gilded. The balance of the steeple is finished in ornamental slate. Side turrets have also been added to the front corners of the building. The building committee contemplate remodeling and repainting the front of the building in a short time."

We wish the congregation in general to know, that with no money at all in hand when this project was started, we have already secured enough to meet half the expense incurred, and that we must look largely to them, sooner or later, for the remainder. And "*sooner*" is always, in such things, much better than "*later.*"

Our friends outside of the congregation, will probably be interested in the act and *example* of one of their number who recently wrote the pastor as follows:

Pottsville, Mar. 1, 1890.

Rev. E. G. HAY,

Dear Sir:

Let me congratulate you on the completion of your stately Church Steeple. Enclosed $5. please accept as a modest contribution to defray the expenses. I like to see a House of God make an imposing, attractive appearance, and a high tower looks to me like a giant index finger, pointing heavenwards, and drawing the thoughts of men to higher and purer regions.

EASTER OFFERING.

Together with the Envelopes for this quarter, which have already been prepared and are now being distributed, each member will find an additional one, intended for use in giving a Special Offering upon Easter Sunday.

We were compelled, at one juncture, to draw upon the General Fund to a considerable extent in meeting the cost of some needed improvements — there being no money in the Improvement Fund at that time. This has made a shortage in the General Fund.

There was a cheerful and generous response last Easter, under exactly similar circumstances, which put the General Fund at once into excellent condition. We hope that history will repeat itself. The Sunday-School will help in this offering, as it is always willing to do its part in whatever is for the interest of the Church. Some things we wished to say on this and

another subject are so much better said by Dr. Rhoads in a circular letter to his people, that we reproduce it here.

MY DEAR FRIEND:

"The Lord is risen!" "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together." I greet you with the joy and privilege and hope of this glad occasion. By and by we shall know it as we cannot know it now, meanwhile, let us who are "risen with Christ" rejoice in and do honor to this great truth and hope. Let us avail ourselves of all the privileges of that glad day. With our presence in the sanctuary, with our communion in the Holy Supper and with our offering in behalf of the Church cheerfully and prayerfully laid on God's Altar, it must be a Lord's day full of blessing, and delightful and helpful to remember both here and in the approaching heaven above. We do ask a gift from you on that day, as God has blessed you, but let it be such a gift, as that it shall be a benediction to your soul, and to the Master, an offering of faith and love and self-denial and devotion that will be pleasing to him. Let me beseech you in love and earnestly, to pray that God may be mighty and gracious in the services and Offering of that day. Whether you can give a large or small amount, I make earnest request of you as a professor of Jesus Christ that on your knees you remember the Easter Service and offering. Nor think, my dear friend, to forget the Lord's Supper on that day. The Master will be there and will look for you. Let him not find your place vacant, in this and in the offering remember him, who though he was rich, became poor for your sake and mine.

THE MISSION BAND.

Our young friends in this useful organization have prepared another of their interesting programmes to be rendered in the Lecture Room of the Church on Wednesday Evening, the 26th of March. The exercises will begin promptly at half-past seven o'clock, and will consist of readings, recitations and singing.

There will be displayed, on this occasion, a large number of beautiful dolls and other articles which have been prepared by the band and its friends, to be sent to the children in our Mission Schools in India. They are distributed there, we understand, as rewards of proficiency in Bible study.

All are welcome to come to this entertainment, and we hope that the attendance will be large. These young workers are certainly worthy of all encouragement. No admission will be charged, but, judging from the rapidity with which the *home-made candy* disappeared from the table at our last festival, we predict that those who come will have an enjoyable time, and leave a snug little sum in the hands of the band, to be devoted to Missionary purposes. Some of our good members have a large ability to "eat for the sake of a good cause," and they may find some other things there equally as sweet as the candy. We would like to see them get enough to build a *third* Church in India.

Do not forget, in your gifts to the Church Improvement Fund that Council are anxious, as soon as possible, to make the front of the Church correspond, in appearance, with the steeple.

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President, Mrs A. B. Cochran.
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Church Choir.

Meetings for practice every Friday Evening at 7.30.

Leader — Dr. P. K. Filbert.
Organist, - Mrs. G. M. Rishel.

OTHER MEMBERS—FIFTEEN.

Womens' Missionary Society.

Organized December 1, 1886.

Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

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OTHER MEMBERS—FORTY-TWO.

Children's Missionary Society.

Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meetings.

Literary Society.

Organized April 28, 1886.

Meets twice a month. Dues Ten Cents a month. Other obligations:— To meet all appointments or submit to a fine for the benefit of the Treasury.

President, Dr. C. D. Miller.
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Organized December 15, 1886.

Meeting on the Second and Third Wednesday of each month. Regular dues, Ten Cents a month.

President, Miss C. Schrader.
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Organized, November 27, 1887. Meetings the Second and Fourth Saturday Afternoons of each month, at 2.30. in the Infant Room.

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Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

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MAR. 3.

Harry Ambrose Yiengst.

MAR. 5.

Samuel Harrison Aregood,
Cora Josephine Aregood.

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MAR. 4.

Mr. Nathan Crosby,
Miss Cora Walleisa.

MAR 6.

Mr. George Elder,
Miss M. E. Bast.

BURIED.

FEB. 12.

Henry G. Dentzer.

FEB. 17.

Clarence Krohmer.

Mar. 2.

Mrs. Madara.

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OUR SECOND CHURCH.

"Go ye," said the Master, "into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The *world* was thus made the field of missionary operation for that, and for each succeeding generation. We dare not, and do not wish to, narrow the field. We will gladly do what we can for Christ, both at home and abroad. In the permanent establishment of the cause of Christ in the foreign field, an important factor is the erection of houses of worship.

Churches do not cost in India what they do in the United States. Dr. Scholl tells us that very good ones there cost about $20 dollars in our money. There is the more encouragement in this for every congregation here to help along in the good work.

In our congregation, the Mission Band has begun effort in this direction. They built one Church in India last year. The example was contagious. The Sunday-School Class of Miss Emily P. Snyder, now Mrs. W. H. Albright, soon afterwards resolved that they too would build a Church for Christ in that far off land. In addition to their regular class collections, they began to make other offerings each Sabbath, placing their collections in the Pastor's hands. The class passed into the hands of another teacher, Mrs. F. V. Roehrig, and still the effort went quietly on until crowned with success. We forwarded the money this week to the proper authority. God bless the class for their thoughtfulness, and God bless our Second Lutheran Church in India! When shall the third arise, and who will erect it?

STUDY THE SCRIPTURES.

A silver egg was once prepared as a present to a Saxon queen. Open the silver by a secret spring, and there was found a yolk of gold. Find the spring of the gold, and it flew open and disclosed a beautiful bird. Press the wings of the bird, and in its breast was found a crown, jeweled and radiant. And even within the crown, upheld by a spring, like the rest, was a ring of diamonds, which fitted the finger of the princess herself.

Oh, how many a promise there is within a promise in the Scripture, the silver around the gold, the gold around the jewels; yet how few of God's children ever find their way far enough among the springs to discover the crown of his rejoicing, or the ring of his covenant of peace.—*Selected.*

DO YOU KNOW,

Sunday-School Scholars, that you are cordially welcome to join the Mission Band, and help them on in their good work? Please remember this without further invitation, and act upon it by coming to their next meeting and enrolling your names. Notice the next announcement when made in the Sunday-School—fix the time right fast in your mind — and then, when the time arrives, *go.* You will be heartily welcomed and will feel at home at once.

Attendance at Sunday Evening Service has been excellent for some time. Will you try, for one, to make the morning attendance better?

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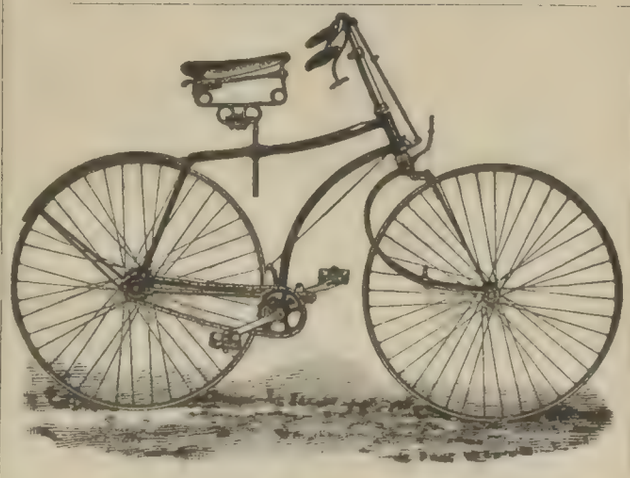

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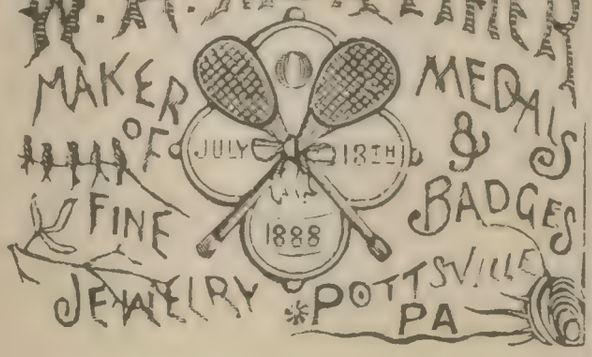

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AN HONEST FACE.

No other human countenance is as well known throughout the world as that which looks out upon the reader from this page. Three hundred and fifty years have left the fame of that man untarnished, and the influence of his marvelous life is yet widening among the nations. What a strong, earnest, honest face it is! No treachery lurking there, no fear but the fear of God. Firm as a rock, transparent as glass, all aglow with the ardor of true devotion.

Our faces are largely what we make them. Their general outline is inherited but their features are moulded by the impress of character from within and of association from without. How different the pictures which two painters can make upon the same canvas! Your countenance, reader, is an animated photograph of your inner self. You are daily "touching up" the picture. Are you making it better or worse?

A NEW CONGREGATION.

At the next meeting of East Pennsylvania Synod application will doubtless be made for the admission of several new congregations which have been organized during the year. We hear of one in East Harrisburg, but we know more of another in Allentown, under the pastoral care of our brother Rev. C. E. Hay. It is called The St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, and is the outgrowth of the St. Paul's German Lutheran Congregation of that city. Twelve years ago, on the First of December, 1877, Rev. Hay was installed as the pastor of St. Paul's. Up to this time, there had been no regular English Service permitted, and with the usual disastrous result in the loss of the younger element. But henceforth the evening services were conducted entirely in English, and with immediately and constantly beneficial results. The congregation prospered under this pastorate. The Membership has increased from 374 to 608, their contributions

for Missions from $25. to $640.26 — a total of $5,354.44. The Sunday School increased its force of teachers from 16 to 60, it attendance from 80 to 601, and its contributions from $25. to $640.26 — a total for the period, of $6,135.89. The money raised for local expenses increased from $16. to $3,278.72, a total in this period of $30,071.99. In addition to this a handsome parsonage has just been erected.

On the 11th of February a movement was inaugurated in the direction of establishing an entirely English congregation. The Pastor of St. Paul's having resigned, was called to become pastor of the new Church. They have at last accounts a membership of over 150, and a Sabbath-School with 19 teachers and 184 scholars. The members have subscribed over $2000. toward the immediate erection of a Chapel, and have purchased, with the aid of our Board of Church Extension, a fine lot in the most populous part of the city. The Chapel will be built at once, the greater portion of the lot being reserved for the future Church. The Home Mission Board has also given the movement its hearty endorsement and most welcome aid.

It is reported that Rev. J. A. Singmaster, formerly of Schuylkill Haven and now of Brooklyn, will assume the pastoral care of St. Paul's congregation, entering upon the duties of the new field about the First or May.

God bless both these enterprises and enable these brethren to lift high the Standard of General Synod Lutheranism in that flourishing young city!

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. Geo. R. Beard,
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EASTER HOPE.

Among our modern poets stand a small group who have given up Christianity: to them its facts are fables, its ideas only poetical fancies. At their head is Matthew Arnold, one of the sweetest, most finished of modern poets. To him Christianity is only a fairy-tale beautiful but impossible; the Easter story is but a pathetic dream which men have persuaded to be a reality. Of Christ he writes:

> "Now he is dead. Far hence he lies
> In the lorn Syrian town.
> And on his grave, with shining eyes,
> The Syrian stars look down."

He turns away from the resurrection as a wrecked hope. But what is to take its place? If Christ is risen, then he admits that man is heir to a boundless hope; all the universe is flooded with light. But if Christ is not risen—what then? Then comes what St. Paul declared, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." The light of hope goes out. These sad, incredulous poets talk of the beauty of Christ's words, the charm of the Great Teacher, his secret of power, his wonderful goodness; they admit that the records of the race show nothing nobler, greater, purer, than Jesus of Nazareth. They have a hope in him; but it is only for this life. And then comes true St. Paul's word that to have Christ only to light up life here, with no light from him in the life beyond, is only an aggravation of misery. Through their poetry, exquisite in form, rich in thought, melodious in music, runs an unbroken wail; they are saturated with sadness; every

prospect ends in melancholy; life is only a succession of bright views fading at last into endless gloom. They have ceased to believe that Christ is risen; they are without hope in the world. It is by the gloom of such a despair that we may measure the brightness of the hope which Easter brings.—*Rev. Dr. C. A. Stork.*

The remarks on Luther's face on our first page are a quotation from the first issue of a new Church Paper which uses the same cut as a frontispiece—The St. Matthew's English Lutheran Messenger of Allentown, Rev. C. E. Hay, Editor.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

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April 6.

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Geo. W. Hadesty,
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Laura Morgan,
Mrs. J. K. Oliver,
Geo. W. Skelly,
Mrs. Geo A. Solt,
Albert Shock,
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March 9.

Wm. Anthony Transue.

March 27.

George Francis Pyle,
James David Hutchinson.

MARRIED.

March .

Edward W. Boyer,
Carrie E. Lord.

BURIED.

March 22.

Mrs. Lucretia Lord.

April 7.

Mrs. F. B. Allison.

OUR CONVENTION.

The Synod of East Pennsylvania comprises 70 Pastors and 107 Congregations. This body is subdivided into four Conferences, known as the Philadelphia, Easton, Harrisburg and Lebanon Conferences. Lebanon Conference, within whose territory Port Carbon is situated, subdivides its forces once a year and holds two Sunday-School Conventions. One of these was held at Lyons, Pa., on the 22nd of February, and the other will meet in Port Carbon on the 20th and 30th of April.

The Programme for its several sessions will be found upon our next page. All the exercises are open to the public, and we shall be pleased to have many persons avail themselves of the opportunity of coming. The following charges are in the district, and each has the privilege of sending seven delegates, including the respective Pastors and Superintendents:—Shenandoah, Gordon, Ashland (Zion's) Ashland (St. James'), Mahanoy City, Port Carbon, Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven, Pinegrove, Tremont and Minersville. Come one, come all!

EASTER OFFERINGS.

In the special envelopes given for this purpose, the congregation gave $87.23, and the Sunday-School $23.42, a total of $110.65. This offering by the School was in the evening after the giving of a liberal contribution in the afternoon. The regular collection for the day for General Fund and Missions was $147.36, which, together with the above and some other contributions for Church Improvement, made a total of almost $300. for the day.

PROGRAMME
OF
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF LEBANON CONFERENCE, SCHUYLKILL DISTRICT, TO CONVENE IN
Port Carbon, Pa., April 29th and 30th, 1890.

TUESDAY.

9.30 A. M.—Devotional exercises, conducted by the President of Convention, John A. Richter.

10.00 A. M.—Organization and Election of officers.

11.00 A. M.—Discussion, Benevolence in the Sunday School — How developed? Comparisons of Views and Practices by Pastors and Superintendents.

11 30 A. M.— Adjournment.

2.00 P. M.—Discussion, Sunday School Literature.
Character of the books and periodicals. Isaac Paxson, Rev. I. P. Zimmerman.
How to cultivate a taste for reading? Rev. W. B. Glanding, J. A. Richter.
Best method of circulation, W. J. Lloyd, Louis Krebs, Rev. D. B. Treibley.

2.30 P. M.—Discussion Sunday School Music.
Proportion of time to be allotted, G. M. Rishel, Rev. E. S. Henry.
Character of Music, J. H. Helwig, Rev. C. M. Sandt.
Sunday School Choirs and Orchestras, F. E. Heintze, Geo. Rubright.

3.00 P. M.—Discussion. Order of Exercises.
The propriety of occasional variations, S. M. Enterline, J. A. Seltzer.
Respective time limit for each exercise, Wm. J. Lloyd, J. A. Richter.

3.30 P. M.—Discussion. What constitutes an attractive Sunday School Room? Charles Bensinger, Pastor of Minersville.
Sociability, Theodore F. Barron, J. A. Seltzer.
Order, Samuel Felix, Henry Wesner. H. S. Sterner.

4.00 P. M.—Discussion. The relation which should subsist between the Church and the Sunday School, H. S. Sterner, P. C. Croll.

4.30 P. M.—Opening of question box.

EVENING SERVICE.

Opening exercises by the School.
Address, The Model Sunday School Teacher, Rev. W. B. Glanding.
Address to Children, Rev. E. S. Henry.
Recitations by Scholars.
Address to Parents, S. M. Enterline.
Opening of Question Box.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9.00 A. M.—Devotional Service, conducted by E. J. Skelly.

9.30 A. M.—Discussion. The Bible Class.
By whom should it be conducted? F. E. Heintze, Thomas Millington, E. S. Henry
How organized and retained? Rev. I. P. Zimmerman, E. J. Skelly.

10.30 P. M.—Should it be the Normal Class? Jacob Wentz, E. G. Hay.
Sermon, I. P. Zimmerman.

11.00 P. M.—Closing Devotional Services, conducted by the President.

Among others recently chosen on the Board of Trustees of the Y. M. C. A. of Pottsville, were Messrs. W. B. Hall, of the Olivet Baptist Church and Basil Eckenrode, of the Episcopalian. Prof. G. A. Berner was chosen Vice President.

IMPROVEMENT FUND.

There has been no juncture in the recent history of the congregation when there has been more necessity than at present, for each member to resolve to do all in his power to aid her in a financial way. Not by any means that she is in distress, that the future is discouraging, or that resources are not ample — but that the enterprises now carried forward will admit of no indifference on the part of any of the people.

Now as ever, our people are able to carry through anything they resolve to undertake — the aid solicited from the general public being requested and given only on the ground that the adornment of any of the Churches is a public improvement which should have the hearty approbation of all.

Now, at least as fully as at any period within our observation, the congregation is united and hopeful and the future bright and promisful. But now, while completing the payment for recent improvements costing $1600, and contemplating others costing probably from $500 to $600, each member should surely make up his mind to bear his full proportion of the expense, and this whether his ability be small or great. Do not forget, reader in very moderate circumstances, that every little helps. Remember, reader in more advantageous circumstances, that large contributions accomplish even more. The Lord expects not more from any than he is fully able to do, or less from any than his circumstances permit.

The Officers of the Church are, at the present time, engaged in placing into the hands of all our people an easy means of contributing steadily throughout the year, beginning with the present month. Twelve envelopes are placed in each family, one for each month in the year. They are asked to use them on the last Sunday in each month, placing them on the collection plates at service. The individual members of each family can concentrate their offerings in the one envelope monthly, and as we have few families not represented in the Church by several members, the result of a year's effort in this way ought to be good indeed.

The improvements referred to above and now under contemplation involve the painting of the front of the Church and of other portions of the Church property now needing it; the addition of Gothic tops or hoods to the front windows of the Church, and of a doorway of the same style set flush with the face of the pilasters and admitting of an inner doorway where the present one now stands. This will greatly assist in maintaining a proper temperature near the entrance in the main audience room, while the other changes contemplated will make the whole front of the structure harmonious in design, and place the entire property externally in the best of repair. Will you not pray and labor for the speedy accomplishment of so worthy a design? We believe that you will, and that God will abundantly bless our united efforts to honor him.

HOME MISSION GIFTS.

Doubtless there are those in the ranks of the ministry as well as among the laity who are of the opinion that our Lutheran members are giving a large amount of money to promote the

spread of the gospel and to establish our own beloved Church in this land.

Hence they do not look with favor upon the ceaseless reminders and urgent appeals that are employed to stimulate larger giving and encourage better support of that cause. Let us inquire into this matter of the measure of our giving for a little while. Though the sum total of the contributions for Home Missions may seem considerable, yet when it is divided among the entire communicant membership of the Church it is but a trifle for each one. We have before us the minutes of all the district synods for 1889, except two, which are for 1888, and from these we derive the facts given in the table below in regard to the average amount contributed by each member in the different synods. We do not institute a comparison between these averages, but simply give the facts, that the people may know the truth and that the truth may free them from the depressing notion that they are impoverishing themselves by their large gifts to this important object of Church benevolence. We give the synod, its communicant membership and the average contribution from each member:

Synod.	*Membership.*	*H. M. Contribution.*
Maryland,	18,420	.23
West Pennsylvania,	21,255	.19½
Hartwick,	4,445	.21½
East Ohio,	5,472	.17½
Frankean,	2,440	.11
Alleghany,	11,994	.17
East Pennsylvania,	16,738	.19
Miami,	3,954	.27½
Pittsburg,	7,249	.15½
Wittenburg,	7,206	.16
Olive Band,	3,263	.19
North Illinois,	2,921	.16
Central Pennsylvania,	8,248	.16½
North Indiana,	4,013	.15
Iowa,	1,507	.22
South Illinois,	864	.10
Central Illinois,	2,001	.16
Susquehanna,	8,840	.15
Kansas,	2,856	.18
NewYork & N.Jersey,	14,330	.10
Nebraska,	4,069	.13½
Middle Tennessee,	689	.04
Wartburg,	1,770	.05

It is of course true that many of our members give very much larger sums than the highest average here indicated, but many others give less, and still others nothing at all. And what is plainly the duty of pastors and people, is to adopt some plan of systematic giving, which shall reach every member, and which shall bring every object of benevolence definitely, distinctly and impressively before each member.—*Missionary Journal.*

OUR THIRD CHURCH.

Still the good work goes on! In our last we had the pleasure of announcing the contribution of a Sunday-School class, of $20, for the building of a Church in India — and that this was the second whose erection was authorized by the English Lutheran Church of Pottsville. We also asked when the Third should arise, and who should erect it. The question has been promptly answered by the Mission Band, who say, let it be built at once —and here is the money for the purpose.

On the 26th of March, pursuant to previous announcement, the Mission Band rendered a well prepared programme of musical and literary selections in the presence of a large and gratified audience. In the Church Parlors were displayed the picture cards and dolls the Band had pre-

pared and a table was seen laden with all varieties of home-made candy. The results of the collection and the sale of the candy were nearly $14. From funds in their treasury as the result of the regular offerings of the Band itself, the balance of the $20 was made up, and the amount handed the pastor and fowarded for the purpose indicated — the erection of Our Third Church in India. It will be remembered also that our First one there was the result of efforts of this Band. The Lord bless them for their thoughtfulness for the perishing, and make them still more useful and happy in his service. May we not ask — who will build *Our Fourth Church there.*

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Christian Church owes it as a duty to herself and to her God, to give constant and careful instruction to her children. And while we admit that this ought to be given largely in the family circle, it will be readily acknowledged that this, in so many instances, is neglected almost entirely, that the work of the Sunday-School is an absolute necessity if there is to be anything like a general meeting of the emergency. For this and other sufficient reasons, upon which it is not now necessary that we dwell, Sunday-Schools are organized in all congregations, and so effective is their work that loud indeed would be the hue and cry should it be seriously proposed that we abolish them.

We believe, then, in Sunday-Schools, that they ought to exist, that their destruction would mean the loss of a large element of power for Christ which the Churches now derive from them, that it would deprive many of spiritual knowledge that they now enjoy. But believing thus, what are we personally doing for their existence and perpetuation?

Do you first of all, send all you children, or do you look on it as a matter of indifference whether the older ones attend or wander upon the streets or the hillsides? Do you make proper inquiry whether all the younger members of the family you start in the direction of the Sunday-School reach their destination, or conduct themselves in a becoming manner when there? You had better accompany them and see for yourself.

We have long enjoyed the distinction of having the largest Sunday-School in the town. It is an enviable distinction, secured, and only to be maintained, by hard work. As a pastor simply guides, and does not attempt to perform, the work of the congregation, so a Superintendent is simply to guide and not to perform the labors of the Sunday-School. He must be able to secure a sufficient number of teachers to supply all the classes every Sabbath. No School can prosper under any other circumstances. But he cannot do this unless there are those always there upon whom he can call for such assistance, and who are willing to do the best they can without waiting for persuasion. Unless providentially prevented, come always to the Sunday-School. Study the lesson throughout the week as best you can, and then because you cannot do as well as you think some others could, never refuse to do the best you can when called upon for aid. Be watchful to do all you can in this work for Christ. The Devil never sleeps, but is glad when you do.

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North-West Ward:— Mrs. F. C. Currier, with Mrs. A. Schock, Mrs. J. Brownmiller and Mrs. D. Christian.

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But on or about Wednesday, the Seventh of May (as shall be definitely decided and publicly announced before long) we want all of these to come together in full force, with all the rest of the congregation and all their friends, to a musical entertainment to be given in the Church. There will be an organ voluntary, violin, cornet and piano solos, duetts and other interesting exercises, and these largely by our own young people among whom there is plenty of talent. A small admission will be charged at the door, so small that none need be absent on that account, and the proceeds will be devoted to the Steeple Fund. After the musical entertainment we hope that all will come together socially in the Lecture Room and Church Parlors, where they will find refreshments in abundance and at the usual reasonable rates.

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This movement is an experiment. We want to see how far our people will take an interest in this line of work. If they take hold of it with a strong hand, as we hope and believe they will, it will be only the first of a number of such pleasant assemblies, and only a very short time until all the improvements already made and now contemplated, will be entirely paid for. Reader, will you not do your part and induce all your friends to do the same? Watch the pulpit and papers for further announcements in regard to this Entertainment. Bros. Dr. P. K. Filbert and J. H. Helwig are perfecting arrangements for the Musical Programme; the ladies of the Sewing Circle will provide the refreshments, and all others are hereby requested to promote general sociability. We anticipate a enjoyable evening.

EASTER DAY.

What a delightful Easter-Sabbath we had! The morning service, with its multitude of worshippers, its sweet anthems of praise to the risen Jesus, the reception of new members, and the glad yet solemn celebration of events on which our hope of heaven is based; and the Evening Service by the Sabbath-School, rejoicing in Him who, having stooped to conquer, is now forever Crowned with Glory! The evening programme, purposely shorter than usual, to avoid restlessness upon the part of the very young, but yet considerably more than an hour in length, was as follows:

Organ Voluntary.....Mrs. Geo. M. Rishel
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Script're Lesson–The Resurrection, J.H. Helwig
Invocation.....Rev. E. G. Hay
Recitation—Salute to Easter.....Clara Candee
Singing—Song of the Flowers.....School
Dialogue—At Early Dawn—
Jennie Conrad and Katie Cooper
Singing—Song of the Roman Soldiers.....School
Recitation—Easter Wishes.....Ella Schropp
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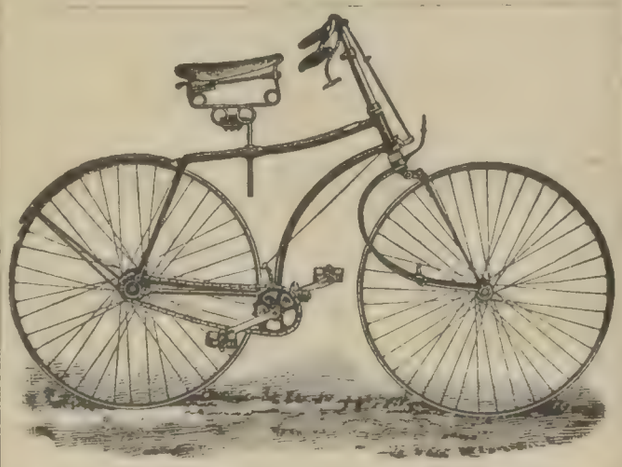

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OUR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

On Wednesday Evening, May 7th, our congregation and friends had the pleasure of listening to the rendition of a very interesting musical programme in the main audience chamber of the Church. It consisted of vocal and violin solos, instrumental solos, and duets, and an anthem by the choir. The Church was well filled with an attentive and interested audience who would all be delighted with the announcement of a future occasion of the same character. While the programme in the main consisted entirely of home talent, our thanks are due and are extended to Miss Lucy E. Lake, who accompanied Prof. Gerhard on his two numbers on the violin. The piano used on this occasion was kindly furnished gratis by Mr. D. R. Buecher, manager of Miller Organ Co.

The refreshments afterwards served by the members of the Ladies' Sewing Circle in the Lecture Room and Church Parlors, were enjoyable indeed, and a very pleasant social hour was spent. The pecuniary results were gratifying to all and will prove a very helpful item in our Church Improvement Fund.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

It has seemed good to our worthy Secretary, and we believe he is right, to make at this time a partial report of contributions already received for Church Improvement. It is a convenience to him and will prove a stimulus to others. Some of us who were hardly expecting a report so soon, have been instrumental in securing a number of contributions herein acknowledged from friends of the cause, and will yet be found doing personally what our means will permit.

Do you read The Lutheran Observer. If you do not, you ought to, and your children ought to. Without its weekly visits you will remain in ignorance of *much that you ought to know as Lutherans.* Welcome the lady from our own congregation now introducing it.

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This is what infidels say, and they say truly. They have a warrant for their assertion in the Bible itself. The same apostle who declares that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God," admits that in it are "some things hard to be understood." And it is the finding in it of these hard things which assures us that it is divine. For, first, the world itself is full of such things. Who can fully understand God as revealed in nature? The explorer is ever encountering mysteries and enigmas. And shall he find none in the higher revelations that we call "the word of God."

Take a single illustration: It is the fashion now, in certain quarters, to sneer at the Old Testament as a narrative of petty wars, a collection of Hebrew legends and genealogies. Who reads the first nine chapters of Chronicles? Who cares to read: "And Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum, and Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah," and so on, page after page? And yet we are assured that all Scripture "is profitable." But what profit can there be in these long lists of names? We might answer, They show God's interest in the family; that men in his sight are not like sand grains on the ocean shore, but each is named and marshaled as a living and responsible unit on the muster-roll of the race. But it is enough to ask the objector, Why did God make the world? Was it not for the habitation of man? But who lives in the desert of Sahara, on the snow-crowned summits of the Andes, on Grinnell Land

in the Arctic Ocean? A large part of the earth is, and always must be, habitless, and yet God made it all for us. We may, if we will, impugn his wisdom, both in the world and the word, but we cannot deny that if he made the one he made the other also. When we come to a place in the Bible that we are tempted to regard as useless and out of place in a divine revelation, let us write on it "Sahara," "Grinnell Land," "Desert of Gobi," "Ethiopia unexplored," and say to ourselves, "I don't know why God put it there, but he did, and it is right, and I shall understand all about it by the time men have reclaimed the deserts of the earth, and have learned how to raise wheat and corn in the regions of perpetual snow."

Again, in regard to these things in the Bible that are hard to be understood, it is well to remember that it is God's book for the world, not only for the present age but for the ages of the past and for the ages to come. What is comparatively uninteresting to us may have been intensely interesting to Shuppim and Huppin, the children of Ir, four thousand years ago. God cared for them as well as for us. What is obscure to the best scholars to-day may be clear and profitable to the people who shall study this book years hence. And God knew beforehand what they would need. He provided it for them as he provided what we understand and enjoy for us. Shall we criticise such a book as if the great and ever-living God was bound to make it all just for us? But why, someone may ask, not eliminate from the Bible all that was specially intended for the past and for the future? Why not give us a nineteenth century Bible and reserve the twenty-ninth century Bible until then? The answer is easy: God made not generations, but a human race. We are all linked together. We are all interested in each other. As the earth is our home from Adam to the end of time, so the Bible is our book. It is one of the bonds that unite us.

We see another reason for the difficulties in the Bible when we remember that it is the text-book in the school of faith. Faith is for us the one thing needful. He that believeth shall be saved. All things are possible to him that believeth. When we learn to trust God fully, to receive all that he tells us as final and absolute truth, we become wise unto salvation. But who shall teach us this lesson?—Only the great Teacher himself. And how shall he teach it?—By a book of precepts and examples. By a book that continually tries the faith it inspires, and thus invigorates it. If the Bible had nothing in it hard to be believed, if our finite reason could solve all the problems that it presents, could climb all its heights and fathom all its depths, then we would learn from it to trust in ourselves rather than in God. But when it is ever flashing light that dazzles, or enveloping truth in impenetrable clouds; when it requires us to believe, though we cannot see; to listen reverently to the voice, though the speaker is invisible; to regard as real things hoped for, and as evident things unseen, it trains us to live as angels, live as the saints in glory live, on the word of God. When we come in our Bible to a hard place, let us stop and ask: "Why is it hard? Why did not God make it easy? Is it not because he seeks and would test our confidence

in him? If I stumble at his word, am I not setting up my puny wisdom as the measure of his?"

Finally, we see in the things hard to be understood God's purpose to interest us all in the study of his word. We soon weary of that which is easy. We long, as intellectual beings, for problems that stimulate and task our powers. More men, a hundred-fold, have devoted their lives to searching the Scriptures than to ony other book that was ever written. More commentaries have been written upon it than upon all other ancient books. There have been more controversies in regard to its meaning than in regard to any other book. And this interest is increasing. The very men who are getting up new theories of inspiration testify by their devotion to biblical literature the transcendant importance of this book in the estimation of the world. Now if the Bible had been as plain and simple as a child's primer, would it have held its place in the world?—No; there is a charm even to the unlearned reader in the truths that tower above his comprehension like cloud-capped mountains. While he rests under the shade of some blessed promise and feeds upon its fruit, he loves to feel that the stream which waters it and from which he can drink, comes from heights that the loftiest human intellect has not been able to scale. Oh, the Bible is grand in its simplicity, and yet grand, too, in its mystery! It is just such a book as we would expect from "God, who made the world." The very critics who find fault with it are giving most emphatic testimony to its divinity. Their canons of criticism applied to the works of nature would deny the statement in Psalm 104, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all." They would prove that God made only the fruitful plains and valleys, not the barren mountains, the treeless deserts, and the Arctic and Antarctic continents. If what man cannot understand and utilize for his present moral culture ought not to be in the word, and hence must be rejected as a part of divine revelation, so the regions that man cannot cultivate and live in ought not to be in the world, and cannot belong to it as God made it.—*The Occident.*

CONFERENCE.

We have recently returned from an interesting session of Lebanon Conference, held at Gordon on the 12th, 13th and 14th instants. The following ministers are in the Conference: Revs. W. H. Dunbar and M. H. Stine, of Lebanon, Rev. P. C. Croll of Schuylkill Haven, Rev. W. H. Lewars of Annville, Rev. M. Fernsler of Schaefferstown, Rev. E. S. Henry of Pinegrove, Rev. D. B. Treibley of Shenandoah, Rev. T. C. Billheimer of Reading, Rev. A. K. Zimmerman (now resident at Selinsgrove), Rev. I. P. Zimmerman of Mahanoy City, Rev. C. M. Sandt of Gordon, Rev. W. B. Glanding and Rev. J. J. Weber of Ashland, Rev. G. W. Fritsch of Lyons, Rev. J. M. Dietzler and the writer. Lay delegates also represented the various congregations. The following subjects were discussed:

Secularization of our Education—Its causes and remedy. What constitutes fitness for Church membership? The Lutheran practice in the administration of private communion. Bene-

fits of Infant Baptism. Proper observance of the Lord's Day. Obligations of the State to aid in this direction. Reverence for God's house. Attitude of our Church toward the cause of Deaconesses. Best method of interesting our young people in Church Work.

All the discussions were carried on with spirit and were listened to with closest attention throughout. The sermon of Rev. P. C. Croll, the President of Conference, based on the Master's words, "She hath done what she could," was direct, earnest, forcible and practical, and will be long remembered by all who heard it.

The Gordon Lutheran Church having been destroyed by fire after the coming of Conference had been announced, the Methodist Church of that place very kindly opened its doors to us, and all our sittings were held therein.

Several thousand dollars have already been secured by this vigorous little Lutheran congregation toward the erection of a new house of worship and they expect before winter to be worshipping in the lecture-room of the new edifice.

Notwithstanding their recent reverses we were all most bountifully provided for, and carry away with us not only remembrances of the kindness, but admiration for the indomitable energy and courage of pastor and people.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

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Edward Moody Heller.

MAY 2.

Thomas Martin Wintroath.

MARRIED.

APRIL 23.

John R. Boyer,
Etta A. Fricke.

LETTER OF DR. SCHOLL.

Under date of April 28th, 1890, Rev. Geo. Scholl, D. D., Secretary of our Board of Foreign Missions has written as follows to Miss Mollie Sterner, President of our Mission Band :

DEAR FRIEND :—It affords me pleasure to acknowledge, through you, to The Mission Band of the English Lutheran Church of Pottsville, the receipt of the information that you have provided $20.00 to erect another Prayer House in our India Mission.

It was in August of last year, I think, that your pastor, Rev. E. G. Hay, informed me that you had raised $20.00 for a Prayer House. Some time afterward a class in the Sunday School of your Church raised a similar amount for the same purpose, and now your Band again comes forward with the means for the erection of a third place of worship.

I congratulate your society on having done such excellent work during the year and assure you that it is work that will bear rich fruit for the Master's Kingdom.

You will be interested to learn that during 1889 sixteen new Prayer Houses were built in our field and that the money of two of them was provided by the young people of your Church.

I trust you will all pray most earnestly that the Gospel of Christ may be preached in those houses in all its purity and saving power and that they may be the means, under God, of saving many precious souls ; that though they may be humble and inexpensive structures they may nevertheless be none other than houses of God and gates of heaven to the souls that shall assemble to worship there.

Please say to the members of your Band, for me, that I remember with a great deal of pleasure my visit to your Church and Sunday School on the 17th of February, 1889, and that I am especially pleased to know that the visit is still bearing such practical and substantial fruits.

May the dear Master be with you all in rich blessing and give you to realize, and enjoy in all its fulness, the blessing promised to those who give for the upbuilding of the kingdom.

Yours Very Sincerely.

GEO. SCHOLL,
Sec'y B. F. M.

LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the Sunday Schools of the ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, in Schuylkill County for the year ending April 1st, 1890.

	Officers and Teachers on Roll.	Scholars on Roll.	Total on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Regular Contributions.	Special Contributions.	Total Contributions.	Teachers members of the Church.	Scholars members of the Church.	Scholars joined Church last year.	Delegates-	Delegates present.
Pottsville	45	531	576	368	$424 03	$45 00	$469 03	39	180	13	9	9
Ashland, St. James	29	235	284	226	160 00	30 00	190 90	18	65	11	4	2
Ashland, Zions	40	225	265	200	67 41	83 67	150 08	40	. .	. .	7	4
Pinegrove	27	273	300	190	360 00	. . .	360 00	25	. .	13	4	3
Schuylkill Haven	30	135	165	125	150 67	81 35	232 02	30	50	6	8	4
Mahanoy City	29	271	300	189	220 38	105 85	326 22	24	122	21	7	5
Tremont	21	199	210	156	136 27	40 07	176 35	15	20	. .	6	6
Minersville	13	90	103	70	59 57	5 25	64 82	11	. .	. .	3	0
Port Carbon	16	125	141	60	20 00	21 27	41 27	9	31	11	7	7
Shenandoah	17	111	135	85	52 75	11 75	64 50	16	30	13	7	0
Gordon	24	168	185	110	77 26	30 40	107 66	15	38	8	5	4
	291	2383	2674	1779	$1728 34	$454 61	$2182 95	241	536	96	67	44

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Ladies' Mite Society.

Meetings the First Wednesday Evening of each month in Church parlor.

President, Mrs A. B. Cochran.
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OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY FIVE.

Church Choir.

Meetings for practice every Friday Evening at 7.30.

Leader — Dr. P. K. Filbert.
Organist, — Mrs. G. M. Rishel.

OTHER MEMBERS—FIFTEEN.

Womens' Missionary Society.

Organized December 1, 1886.

Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

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OTHER MEMBERS—FORTY-TWO.

Children's Missionary Society.

Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meetings.

Literary Society.

Organized April 28, 1886.

Meets twice a month. Dues Ten Cents a month. Other obligations:— To meet all appointments or submit to a fine for the benefit of the Treasury.

President, Dr. C. D. Miller.
V. President, Katie Kaiser.
Secretary, Howard P. Nagle.
Treasurer, Elsie Geier.

OTHER MEMBERS—TWENTY-SEVEN.

Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized December 15, 1886.

Meeting on the Second and Third Wednesday of each month. Regular dues, Ten Cents a month.

President, Miss C. Schrader.
Vice President, Mrs. Edward Green.
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Treasurer, Miss L. Schrader.

OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY-SIX.

Christian Workers.

Organized, November 27, 1887. Meetings the Second and Fourth Saturday Afternoons of each month, at 2.30. in the Infant Room.

President, Miss Mollie Sterner.
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Secretary, Miss Emma Reed.
Treasurer, Miss Nellie Mortimer.
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OTHER MEMBERS—FORTY.

Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

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Young People's Meeting at 6 30 P.M.

Teachers' meeting, conducted by the Superintendent, on Tuesday evening at 7.30.

Prayer meeting, conducted by the Pastor, on Thursday evening at 7.30.

Evening Service at 7.30.

Women's Missionary Meeting the last Wednesday of each month.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the First Sabbath of each Quarter.

Preparatory Services in connection with the Prayer Meeting service the Thursday evening preceding Communion.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

This gathering at Port Carbon on the 29th and 30th ultimo was much enjoyed by all who attended. Our Delegates, in addition to Superintendent and Pastor, were Mrs. H. H. Hill, Miss Emma Reed, Miss Mollie Sterner, Mr. J. I. Saul, and Mr. E. J. Skelly. Mr. A. K. Smith, of Mahanoy City, was chosen President, and Mr. J. A. Richter, of Pinegrove, Vice President. On Tuesday evening our Church was well represented at the services, some thirty-two, we are told, being present. We take pleasure in presenting to our readers, upon another page, a tabulation of the reports of all the schools, prepared by the Secretary, brother Enterline. Tremont is the place chosen for our meeting next year.

Topics and Leaders for Young Peoples' Meetings.

April 27.—Not Retaliating. I Peter 2 : 23.
J. I. SAUL.

May 4.—Bearing the Cross. John 19 : 17.
E. G. HAY.

May 11.—Following Christ with the Cross.
Matt. 10 : 37–38. H. S. STERNER.

May 18.—The Lepers of Samaria.
II Kings 7 : 3. S. M. ENTERLINE.

May 25.—Love of Unity. John 17 : 21.
E. J. SKELLY.

June 1.—Calmness in Death. Luke 23 : 46.
J. H. HELWIG.

June 8.—The Power of Prayer. John 14 : 13.
H. P. NAGLE.

June 15.—God's Promise to Workers.
Isa. 55 : 10–11. H. S. STERNER.

Bro. F. E. Deisher was our delegate to Conference. Its next meetings will be held during Synod at Columbia in September, and at Shenandoah in November.

It is always cheering to discover an attachment among those who have left us, to their old Church home. Brother Pierce G. Teter renews his subscription to The English Lutheran this month, and gives us his change of address. He is but one of many who scan its pages closely every month, and are eager to receive, in their now distant homes, all the items of congregational news it may contain.

On Wednesday evening, May 7th, while we were enjoying our Musical Entertainment and the after festivities, a large and happy gathering was also assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spohn, at Ardmore, Pa., to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day. We regret our inability to accept a cordial invitation to be present, and join with their very many friends in this place in wishing them length of days and the blessing of heaven.

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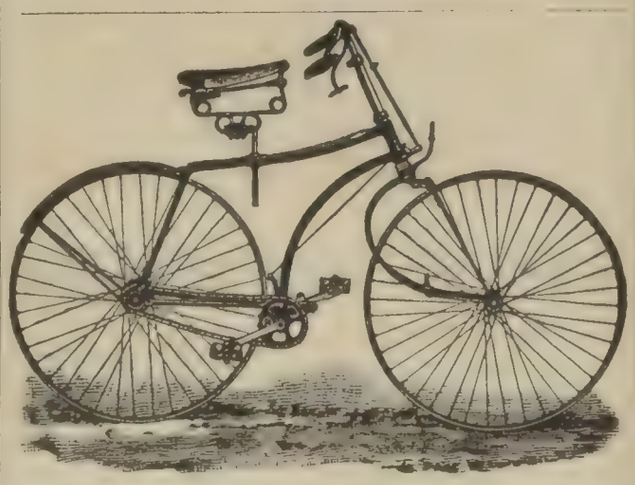

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CHILDREN'S DAY.

Sunday, June 29th, is Children's Day. day in other words, in which the ondition and needs of the children of ne Church are to be brought promi- ently before the mind of the Church. day upon which we shall especially ndeavor to delight and profit the hildren. There are few ways in hich we can more readily delight hem than by giving them a service hat shall be in a special sense their wn, made additionally attractive by he beauties of nature with which we an adorn the sanctuary; and few ways in which we can more truly profit them than in drawing out their sympathies and gifts in behalf of the orphan children of the Church, those who sadly need their help, and whom these gifts will help to sustain and educate in our Orphan's Home at Loysville, Pa. All will be provided with envelopes in which to make an offering on that day. Rev. Dunbar writes, "Do not forget the collection for the Orphans of the Church. Never was the need greater. Never have there been more worthy applicants. *Lack of funds* has permitted the admittance of those only in absolute distress, and compelled delay in many needy cases. *The need is great, let the collection be liberal.*"

IMPROVEMENTS.

We understand, at this time, that workmen are already employed in preparing certain improvements which are very soon to appear upon our Church-front, producing harmony of appearance and design between the lower and upper portions of the same. The entire front will then be newly painted. Toward this condition of things the authorities of the Church have been steadily moving as fast as circumstances would permit. They have undertaken to secure it, in the faith, in which they have never yet been shaken, that our people will heartily endorse and support every measure adopted for the welfare and credit of all. If you really desire to help in this matter, do not forget to contribute what you may be able, upon the last Sunday of each month, in the envelopes already given you for that purpose.

A decided addition to our personal comfort has also recently been made by the repapering and painting of one of the rooms and the three halls of the parsonage, and the insertion of the Edison Electric Light. The expense of the latter will be more than covered by the subscriptions to this paper for the present year. We hope the day is not far distant when this soft and brilliant light may illuminate our evening assemblies in the Sanctuary. The capacity of the gas pipes now in use has never been adequate to the size of the auditorium, and the present position of the chandeliers is annoying to more than one. A circle of lights near each end of the ceiling, where the "center-pieces" now are, would enable us to do away with the chandeliers in the aisles altogether, and, with smaller lights at the pulpit and organ, pendent from the brackets at these places, would give us an abundance of illumination, leaving a sufficient number of gas jets as a resort in any emergency.

CITY OF THE DEAD.

It is a most worthy impulse that leads people everywhere to show respect to the mortal remains of their dead, before they are laid away from their sight. It is this that leads to the selection of beautiful caskets and that often covers even these with rarest flowers. The sad heart finds some measure of comfort in thus silently expressing its regard for the departed. Indeed we are often impressed with the danger of extremes in this respect. We are led to fear that under the stress of a transitory impulse, many overlook the just demands of the living in their effort to do honor to the dead.

The impulse in itself, however, is a worthy and commendable one, and while we do well to hold it under reasonable restraint, we do not well to allow it to perish. We have often wished that the desire to show respect to the dead would survive their burial; that this regard would be manifested, not only in the details of the funeral occasion, but in the after condition of the spot in which the interment takes place. Friends and flowers and tears in abundance are seen at the funerals of many, around whose sleeping form the grass soons grows rank and high unbrightened by a flower, unmoisten-

ed by a tear, untrodden by the feet of those once nearest upon earth.

How about the members of your broken family circle? Has all desire to honor them and their memory died out in your hearts? Do you think of them perhaps only once a year when the thoughts of all are turned to those who have died as their country's defenders? An infidel generation, writing on the gates of their cemeteries "Death is an eternal sleep," may be satisfied to neglect that spot as readily as the place where their brutes are buried, but a Christian generation, believing in the harvest of life from the dead that soon shall follow the resurrection of Him who came forth from the grave as "the first fruits of them that slept," will not be unmindful or neglectful of the spot where lies the dust so precious in the Saviour's sight. Without injustice to the living, beautify, as far as in you lies, the City of the Dead.

OLD AGE.

"Rowland Hill, himself a very old man, says that he heard of one who was asked what age he was. He answered: "The right side of eighty." "I thought you were more than eighty," said the inquirer. "Yes I am beyond it," he replied; "and that is the right side, for I am nearer my eternal rest."

A man once said to Dr. Rees: "You are whitening fast." The doctor answered him in an sermon which he preached immediately after: "There is a wee white flower which comes up through the snow and frost; but we are glad to see the snow drop because it proclaims that the Winter is over and that Summer is at hand. A friend reminded me last night that I was whitening fast. But heed not that Brother; it is to me a proof that my Winter will soon be over; that I shall have done presently with the cold east winds and the frosts of the earth, and that my Summer—my eternal Summer—is at hand."

To an humble Christian it was remarked: "I fear you are near another world." "Fear it, sir!" he replied, "I know I am; but, blessed be the Lord, I do not fear it—I hope it."

The apostle Paul was an old man, but happily for him he was no agnostic, and so he could say: "I *know* in whom I have believed, and that he will keep that which I have commited to him until that day; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

But for old age to be happy it must be a time of acceptance. Old age fought against is miserable; old age accepted is calm and peaceful. Enameled wrinkles dare not smile; the honest wrinkles may even laugh. To be living in a mistake is to be living in a false position, and in all false positions there is weakness and discomfort and misery.

The way to be happy in your old age is to consider that you are not in a false position, but in a right one—in the one which God has ordained for you, and therefore in the one which contains blessings—its blessings, its own peculiar blessings. Where you meet with disappointment is in expecting from it what does not belong to it, and what would not be blessing if it did."

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JULY COMMUNION.

On Sunday morning, the Sixth of July an opportunity will again be afforded our people, of coming to the Supper of our Lord. Our Church has indicated very clearly wherein true preparation for its reception consists: she has done this in the language given for use at the Preparatory Service which all are expected, if possible, to attend. The following questions are addressed to those who are present, and are answered by them in the affirmative.

"I ask you, my friends, before Almighty God, and upon the evidence of your own consciences whether you really feel, lament and acknowledge that you are sinners; that by omitting to do good, and actually doing evil, you have offended against your righteous Lawgiver and Judge, and exposed yourselves to the punishment due to the guilty! If this is the sincere and humble confession of your hearts make it manifest with your lips by saying, "yes."

I ask you whether you firmly believe that Jesus Christ has come into the world to save sinners, and that all those who sincerely repent and believe in his name do receive the forgiveness of their sins and eternal life? Are you truly desirous to be delivered from your transgressions? Have you an earnest solicitude to partake of God's mercy to the penitent and faithful, and are you persuaded that our heavenly Father is willing, for Christ's sake, to be gracious unto you, to cleanse you from all unrighteousness, and to render you meet for the inheritance of the saints in heaven? If this is your sincere belief, confess it by saying "yes."

I ask you whether you are fully resolved to submit yourselves in future to the gracious direction of the Divine Spirit, so that you may no more purposely offend, but be enabled to hate and avoid all manner of evil, to walk circumspectly before God and to follow after holiness of heart and life? If this is your true intention and purpose, announce it in the presence of God and of each other by saying "yes."

Herein we have frank and contrite confession of sin and of our consequent exposure to the divine displeasure; acknowledgment of Christ's mission to earth as the Saviour of sinners, through whom all that believe have pardon and eternal life; the expression of an earnest desire for personal forgiveness and confidence in God's mercy to us through Christ; and finally the consecration of self to a life of holiness under the power of the Holy Ghost.

To come to the Lord's table without such preparation, either in public *or in private*, is to come at our own peril. But let one and all make that preparation—and come.

Our Preparatory Services will be held in the Lecture Room of the Church on Thursday Evening the Third of July, at half-past Seven o'clock. Come.

THE LUTHERAN OBSERVER,

OUR CHURCH PAPER,

Would bring to every family willing to read it regularly, the very latest news from all portions of our own Church, and a clear knowledge of the leading events in the history of other denominations. It will afford the most profitable religious reading for both young and old. Mrs E. Reichert, a worthy member of our own congregation, now endeavoring to introduce it, where possible, into our families, and meeting, we are glad to say, with encouraging success, is yet confronted with the statement on the part of some who would like to take it, that they can scarce afford it. We grant that the subscription price of Two Dollars may not be at once within the reach of all—and may not be within the reach of some at any time. But we want to say to such as could take it, if they chose, within a month or two, not to decide so important a question offhand, determining, because they can't afford to pay the subscription price at once, that they will probably not take the paper at all. If you have never been a reader of its pages we can the more readily understand why you do not properly appreciate it. But it is hard for any of its regular readers to see how any lover of his Church, spending many times the amount of the subscription price of this paper every year for needless luxuries, can persuade himself to forego the useful knowledge its pages would bring him, can, in short, conclude that he can at all afford to be without it.

Surely where there are parents, inspired by the very proper and natural desire to see their children growing up in an intelligent attachment to the Church of their choice, they will not hesitate to provide them with this clean and wholesome and instructive publication. As a weekly visitor in the family its importance as a Lutheran and Scriptural educational factor can not well be overestimated.

We have no advantage to gain by the increase of its circulation among us, save the incidental results of the general spiritual and ecclesiastical intelligence its pages will promote. But the lady now calling the attention of our members to it, is acting as a regularly appointed agent of the publishers, and receives, as is just, a suitable and proportionate reward for the measure of success that attends her.

It will be a pleasure to many, we believe, to know that it is within their power both to secure for themselves at a nominal cost, a valuable publication, and to aid and encourage a worthy and faithful worker of our own household of faith.

Remember this. Our little local paper, The English Lutheran, was never meant to take the place of any other. It covers a different field, and does not and cannot take the place of the larger and better publication. We shall on the contrary, esteem ourselves most happy, if anything we can say herein results in the introduction of more important reading matter into any of the families which it visits, and thus aid in the fostering of a warmer and more intelligent devotion on the part of any, to the Church of their choice, the Mother-Church of the Reformation.

APPRECIATED.

The Lutherans of Mahanoy City have just done credit to themselves, and bestowed a mark of appreciation upon their pastor, Rev. I. P. Zimmerman. It was unanimously decided to increase the salary from $750 to $900 per annum.

Our first acquaintance with Rev. Zimmerman was in the summer of 1877. He was then residing at Fisherville, a member of one of the six congregations then served by Rev. C. E. Hay, now of Allentown.

We learned soon after, with pleasure, of his resolution to enter the ministry, and his enrollment among the students of Missionary Institute, at Selinsgrove, Pa. In September, 1882, during the meeting of the East Pennsylvania Synod in Pottsville, he was Licensed to Preach the Gospel. Taking pastoral charge, soon afterwards, of the Lutheran Church in Montoursville, Lycoming County, he was regularly Ordained by the Susquehanna Synod. In the four and a half years of his pastorate there he added two hundred and twenty members to the congregation. He was then called to Mahanoy City and entered on his labors there September First, 1887.

The congregation then numbered 164. Of these 24 resided at Delano, distant four miles and a half. The entire membership now is 309, of which there are 51 at Delano. At this place they have an afternoon service once a month.

The Sunday-School has increased from 160 to 221 in actual attendance. There are 300 enrolled. The increase of contributions has more than kept pace with the increase of scholars.

Among other evidences of the activity of this worthy people under the present pastorate, we note the organization of an efficient Missionary Society and Mission Band, the roofing of the Church, and repairing and carpeting of the entire interior, the doubling of the size of the parsonage and its equipment with all modern conveniences; the latter at a cost of $1500.

We rejoice with our many friends in the Church at this place, in the prosperity in things temporal and spiritual that has attended them, and with our brother in this second increase of support his people have tendered him during his brief pastorate. May the warmth of his people's devotion and the length of his labors among them be proportionate to the warmth and length of the services of his installation! But—I forget—our readers were not there.

WHAT DID SHE SAY?

A lady interested in the upbuilding of our Infant Department was using her powers of persuasion upon a little girl four years of age, in order to induce her to come to Sunday-School. After a seemingly successful conversation with the little one, the subject was dropped for a few moments. The child's father then entering the room, the little girl eagerly told him of the invitation she had just received, and wound up by saying "and, Papa, the lady said there were Bull-Frogs there too." The lady has since been pondering deeply what she could possibly have said that the child could have so misunderstood. Reader, can you help her out. It is beyond our depth.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Wednesday evening, June 25th, is the date of our next Women's Missionary Meeting. There are special reasons why every member of the Society should be present. Please bear the date in mind and arrange to be there.

We had a very pleasant visit recently to Allentown and Philadelphia. At the latter place we united, in happy bonds, two former residents of Pottsville, Mr. Adolph E. Sutermeister and Miss Sallie E. Dailey. Indeed, surrounded as we were by many Pottsville guests on that occasion, it was hard to realize that we were not still in our mountain home. At Allentown we arrived just one day too late to witness the laying of the Corner-Stone of the new St. Mattew's Church, but in ample time to meet and address the new congregation at their week-day service. A call upon Rev. Singmaster, the new paster of St. Paul's, found all In good health and Spirits. He hopes to visit our region soon.

We have been taught anew, this month, the value of persistence in prayer. Have you any ones now before your mind, for whose spiritual welfare you feel special concern? Have you grown weary of pleading with God in their behalf? Then remember the power of importunity. As long as Abraham prayed for the people of Sodom, God answered his requests. Only when he ceased to pray did Jehovah cease to grant.

How many new verses of the Bible have you committed to memory this month? How many have you taught your children? These are the true riches.

DEATH OF LEILA DAY.

The sad intelligence reaches us that Leila, daughter of Rev. David A. and Mrs. Emma V. Day, of Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, died of African fever on the 17th of April last.

The father has thus written to Dr. Scholl :

MUHLENBERG MISSION,
April 19, '90.

Yesterday we laid our darling Leila in the little Mission graveyard, She died on the night of the 17th, after a week's illness of African fever. I can only say we are broken-hearted. For a brief ten months we have had the perfect joy of a united family,—just long enough to learn that heaven may exist on earth. You know the circumstances of her coming and you can imagine what complete happiness we found in our new life. Leila was a child of rare qualities of heart and mind. Nine years, one month and twenty-two days old, she had a knowledge of the Bible and of sacred things far beyond her years, and a rich Christian experience not often found in one so young. Dear child, she has gone to the Saviour to whom we gave her and to whom she belongs. We praise God for the brief time she lived in her own home, for the light she brought to it and the love so freely given. Our lives have been deepened and our hearts made better by having her with us.

Mrs. Day had to be carried from the grave, being so overcome that she fainted. We leave it with God, the Father, and take up the burden of our work with a new consecration. This baptism of tears has done us good, giving to us the joys of a higher Christian experience. We are well, except being rest-broken. Yours in Jesus,

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JUNE 10.

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* Two years.

Not a few people stand aloof from the Church. With one the excuse is this and with another that. Sin, unbelief and worldliness are organized and avow their principles without a blush. Can a Christian do less. If you have light let it shine.

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Will be given in our next issue. It will be a full statement of all contributions to the General Fund and to Missions from the First of January to the First of July. We call attention to the fact at this time, in order that any who may now be in arrears, and do not wish so to appear upon the Report, may have and take the opportunity of paying up. It is the more necessary that this be now done, since our people have scarce had time to become accustomed to the recent change in the time for publishing these Reports, namely, in January and July, instead of April and October. It is by no means an uncommon thing for people to wait until after the time set for the termination of a Report before they make payment, and then to ask in astonishment why their contributions are not credited. Remember, therefore, that no contributions given after the last day of June can be properly credited on our next Report and can appear only in the following one for the six months thereafter.

The attendance at Sabbath-School thus far during the heated term has been very encouraging to both Superintendent and Pastor. It is considerably in advance, he informs us, of the attendance in other years at the same time. Keep it up.

REV. J. C. TRAUGER, of the Seminary at Gettysburg, has recently been elected Pastor of our Churches at Minersville and Tremont. We understand he proposes to make his home in Tremont. We wish him abundant success.

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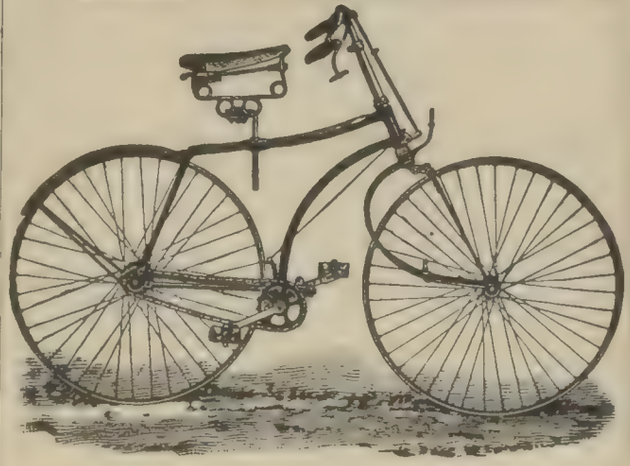

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A NEW MISSION.

Still another new mission has been successfully organized in this capital city. This time the honor falls upon the Rev. Dr. Everett, and his energetic congregation of the Messiah Lutheran church. They were hardly through with dedicating their new edifice when the pastor and church council initiated this long-needed enterprise. The largest hall in the city was at once leased—the Kelker St. Market House a new and beantiful structure. This hall was immediately furnished, and the new mission formally opened on the first Sunday in June, with 187 scholars and teachers. On the second Sunday the roll was increased to 253 scholars and teachers. The officers increase the figures to 257 Thus, in two weeks, a large and thoroughly equipped Lutheran Sunday-school has been modestly begun by a church which has yet some burden to carry growing out of its recent building operations. Dr. Everett has been the earnest mover in this new work, aided by Dr. Weills, Prof. Foose, D. B. Marks, L. R. Zimmerman, W. W. Davidson, W. L Gardiner, Geo. Diehl, John R. Ossman, S. B. Morrow, E. Laubenstein, Geo. W. Murray, Dr. J. H. Fager, and others. The work so admirably done speaks volumes of praise for Messiah Lutheran church. Dr. Everett was congratulated on the happy outcome of the effort, but he turned away, saying pleasantly: "I thank you, but prefer that you reserve your praise for the noble men and women of my charge, without whose co operation this effort could not have succeeded." Dr. Everett is confident that this large mission will soon evolute into a new Lutheran church to provide for the community on the west side of Reilly street, and to this object he will bend his energies. That means a seventh Lutheran church in Harrisburg.—*Observer.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Contributions to the General and Missionary Funds from January 1st to July 1st.

	General Fund.	*Missions.*
Adcock, John C.	$ 2 00	$ 75
Adcock, Mrs. J. C.	2 00	75
Albright, Elmer E.		
Anwyl, Miss Dorothy	1 50	60
Arbogast, Geo. C.		
Arbogast, Mrs, Geo. C.		
Arbogast, John H.		
Arbogast, Mrs. John H.	1 25	
Arbogast, Charles J.	50	
Arbogast, Mrs. Chas. J.	50	
Auman, Miss Emma L.		
Aurand, Mr. George	1 50	
Aurand, Mrs. George	1 50	
Bamford, Mrs A	1 00	50
Barth, Mrs. E.		
Batdorff, Theo. F.	75	
Batdorff, Mrs Theo. F.	75	
Bearsh, George D.	1 50	60
Behney, Miss Emma		
Bell, Mrs. M. B.	3 00	
Bensinger, Mrs. C.	3 00	60
Bensinger, Mrs. Geo.	1 50	30
Beyerle, Lot K.		
Beyerle, Mrs. L. K.	1 50	50
Beyerle, Geo. D.		
Beyerle, Clarence E.	1 00	
Beyerle, Mrs. Daniel	4 00	
Beyerle, Wm. H	1 00	
Beyerle, H. W.		
Beyerle, Miss Elsie	2 25	
Billington, Mrs. A.	1 50	30
Billman, Amos		
Billman, Mrs. Amos		
Billman, Edward		
Bindley, Mrs. A.		
Bindley, Miss Lizzie		
Bocam, Mrs. L.	2 25	10
Bocam, Joseph	35	
Bocam, Lamie	65	
Bock, Mrs. Wm.	6 00	60
Bock, James W.	4 50	1 50
Bock, Mrs. J. W.		
Bock, Miss Annie M.	60	
Bolich, Mrs. John	3 00	
Boner, L. S.	6 00	1 50
Bowen, Mrs. J. A.	3 60	60
Boyer, Edward W.	75	30
Boyer, Mrs. Edward W.	2 00	70
Bray, Miss Nellie E.	50	
Brown. Miss Ellie.		
Brown, Miss Annie		
Brown, Wm. H.	2 00	30
Brown, C. T.	1 50	
Brown, Mrs. C. T.	1 50	
Brownmiller, Nicholas	2 50	50
Brownmiller, J. N.	50	
Brownmiller, Mrs. J. N.		
Burnett, Miss Bessie	2 50	50
Cable, Mrs. Albert	4 25	
Cable, Miss Mary		
Candy, Miss Mary A	2 50	50
Candy, Miss Clara E.	40	
Carter, Miss Emma R.		
Carter, Mrs. Clarence C.	60	10
Christian, Daniel	6 00	1 50
Christian, Mrs. Daniel	6 00	1 50
Christian, Lottie	2 25	75
Christian, Hattie	2 25	75
Christian, Jacob	1 75	25
Christian, Miss Carrie	3 00	
Clark, Mrs. A.	1 25	
Cochran, Mrs. A. B.	6 00	1 50
Conners, Miss Tillie	1 50	
Conrad, Mrs. C. F.	1 50	50
Conrad, Miss Celia	1 50	
Conrad, Miss H. C.	50	
Conrad, John	2 10	40
Conrad, Mrs. John	1 50	50
Conrad, Miss Jennie G.	1 20	30
Cooper, Miss Esther A.	1 50	60
Cruikshanks, Mrs. M. S.	1 25	
Currier, Mrs. Fred	1 50	60
Daubert, Miss Ida E.		
DeFrehn, Daniel	3 00	60
DeFrehn, Mrs. Daniel	3 00	60
DeFrehn, Miss Emma	1 50	60
DeFrehn, George H.	5 50	1 50
DeFrehn, Joseph	6 00	50
DeFrehn, Mrs. Joseph	3 00	50
DeFrehn, Mrs. Joseph, Jr.	1 50	50
Deibler, Miss Louisa	75	15
Deisher, F. E.	6 00	
Deisher, Mrs. F. E.	3 00	
Deisher, Miss Ida	25	
Deisher, Miss Ella M.	1 35	15
Deisher, John H.	1 00	
Deisher, Mrs. J. H.	1 00	
Deisher, Miss Lena A.	80	20
Deisher, Miss Stella	80	20
DeLong, Mrs. Catharine	75	
DeLong, Mrs. George R.		
Dengler, J. George	1 50	
Dengler, Joseph F.	90	
Dengler, Miss Nora	1 50	60
Dengler, Miss Eva	90	30
Dengler, Miss Mary E.	60	
Dentzer, Miss Katie	3 00	1 50
Dentzer, Charles O.	50	
Dentzer, Elmer	15	10
Dentzer, George H.		
Dentzer, Mrs. Geo. H.		
Dentzer, Mrs. Susan	1 50	15
Dentzer, Chas. H.	75	
Dentzer, Mrs. Charles H.	2 50	
Detzner, Miss Annie	70	20
Dieffenderfer, James		
Dieffenderfer, Mrs. James		
Dimmick, Mrs. C.	2 50	
Dysinger, Mrs. H. C.	3 00	
Dysinger, Miss Lena	80	
East, Mrs. Samuel	50	
East, Miss Ella	65	20

Ebert, Mrs. John	1	93	
Ebert, Miss Clara			
Ebert, Tunis			
Ebert, Charles B			
Emhardt, Fred	3	00	60
Emhardt, Mrs. Ered	1	50	60
Enterline, S. M.	1	50	
Enterline, Mrs. S. M.	1	50	
Erdman, Thomas J			
Fasolt, Miss Annie			
Fasolt, Miss Florence M		60	
Faus, Miss Mary	3	00	60
Faus, Miss Kate	1	75	65
Fernsler, Mrs. J		50	
Fernsler, Miss Blanch H		50	
Fertig, Miss Clara	2	00	
Fessler, Mrs. Clara		80	
Filbert, Dr. P. K	12	00	6 00
Filbert, Mrs. Dr. P. K			
Foltz, Mrs. George	1	50	60
Foltz, Miss Laura	1	25	50
Forseman, Mrs. Charles			
Fox, Edward	10	00	4 00
Fox, Mrs. Edward	10	00	4 00
Fox, Jacob W	3	00	
Fredericks, Mrs. J. E	3	00	
Frizell, Mrs. Charles			
Gallagher, Miss A	5	00	
Geier, Thomas	6	00	
Geier, Mrs. Thomas	3	00	
Geier, Miss Elsie	1	50	
Gerhard, Prof. Fred	2	00	
Gerhard, Mrs. F	1	75	30
German, Mrs. M			
Gilger, J. A			
Gilger, Mrs. J. A	1	50	60
Gilger, James E		90	60
Glassmire, Mrs. M. L	3	00	60
Glassmire, Miss Carrie	1	30	25
Gottschall, Miss M	1	25	
Gottschall, Albert			
Graeff, L. A			
Graeff, Mrs. L. A			
Gross, Earnest	2	25	
Gross, Mrs. Earnest			
Gross, Miss Carrie			
Guers, Jacob			
Hadesty, Geo. W		75	25
Hadesty, Miss Martha	1	50	45
Hamilton, George W	1	50	50
Hamilton, Mrs. George W	1	50	50
Haring, Wm. H	1	50	30
Haring, Mrs. Wm. H	1	50	30
Harner, Miss Jennie			
Hart, Mrs. Susan	1	50	75
Hart, Miss Alice	1	50	1 50
Hart, John H	2	50	80
Hart, Mrs. J. H	2	50	65
Hartline, Miss Elsie			
Hay, Rev. E. G			5 00
Heffner, Mrs. M. B	3	00	50
Heffner, Mrs. Hannah		25	
Heilner, Mrs. T. C		50	
Heim, Allen J	2	00	30
Heim, Mrs A. J			
Heller, L. F	2	50	50
Heller, Mrs. L. F	2	45	50
Heller, Miss Minnie	1	50	50
Heller, Harry	1	25	
Heller, Mrs Harry	1	25	
Heller, George P	3	00	
Heller, Mrs. George P	2	00	
Helms, Mrs. Phoebe		60	
Helms, Miss Maggie			
Helms, Mrs. John S	1	55	10
Helwig J. H	4	50	1 60
Henry, Robert C	1	75	10
Hight, Mrs. Harry G	3	00	30
Hill, Daniel			
Hill, Mrs. Daniel	1	05	
Hill, Mrs H. H	3	00	60
Hill, Mrs Wm	1	50	
Hill, Miss Clara M	1	25	
Hill, Miss Nellie A		90	60
Hill, Miss Annie		95	10
Hinkley, Mrs. W. H	1	00	25
Hoepstine, James W			
Hoepstine Mrs. James W	1	25	10
Hoepstine, James W. Jr			
Hoepstine, Charles I			
Hoffman, M. C			
Hoffman, Mrs. J. B			
Hoffman, Miss Mamie			
Hollenbach, J. K			
Hollenbach, Mrs. J. K			
Hollenbach, Miss Emily			
Holt, Mrs. Susan			
Homrighausen, Mrs. A	1	50	
Howell, Mrs. Robert			
Hower, Mrs. John	1	50	
Hubley, Miss Emma		50	
Hutchinson, Miss Katie	1	75	70
Johnston, Miss Agnes	1	00	1 00
Jones, Miss Tillie			
Jones, Anna B		15	15
Keer, Mrs. Lucy A	1	00	10
Keer, Miss Josephine		75	
Kemp, Nicholas	2	10	60
Kemp, Mrs. Nicholas	2	10	60
Kepley, Mrs. Joseph	1	50	60
Kershner, Charles A		40	
Kershner, Mrs. Charles A		50	10
Kershner, Miss Clara		50	10
Kershner, Miss Florence			
Klare, Mrs. C			
Kline, Mrs. George	1	50	30
Kriner, H. W	2	25	60
Kriner, Mrs. H. W	2	25	50
Kriner, Byron			
Kriner, Mrs. Byron			
Krohmer, Mrs. J. C	1	50	
Kull, Charles	1	00	
Laubenstein, Levi	3	00	
Laubenstein, Mrs. Levi	1	50	
Laubenstein, Miss Sallie			
Laubenstein, Miss Carrie		60	
Lee, Mrs. Alfred			
Liddle, Mrs. Samuel			
Livingood, Miss Annie R	1	00	
Lugan, John	1	00	30

Lugan, Mrs. John			
Loose, Miss Almeda			
Lord, Charles	3	00	75
Lord, Mrs. Charles	1	50	50
Lord, Miss Lizzie	1	50	50
Lord, Mrs. Henry	1	50	50
Lord, Miss Lulu	1	00	50
Lord, Charles H	1	00	50
Lorriman, Mrs. E			
Mader, Anthony			
Matter, James			
Matthews, Miss B			
Matthews, Miss M			
McCullough, Mrs. James		25	10
McDaniel, Mrs. S			
McDaniel, Mrs. C	3	00	60
McDaniel, Oscar L			
McDaniel, Chas. G		50	
McGuigan, Mrs. R. W	1	75	
McLennan, Mrs. Hugh			
Meade, Mrs. George	1	50	30
Michael, Mrs. M	1	00	
Michael, Miss Mary	1	00	
Miles, Mrs. Wm. H	3	00	
Miles, Miss Irene		60	
Miller, Mrs. Frank	3	00	
Miller, Mrs. E	1	08	30
Miller, Miss Pamilla C	2	00	
Miller, Mrs. Mary	2	50	50
Miller, Dr. G. M	6	00	
Miller, Dr. C. D	3	00	
Miller, Mrs. Dr. C. D			
Miller, Miss Katie	1	75	70
Montgomery, Mrs. T	1	25	25
Moore, Mrs. Alice	1	50	50
Moore, Mrs. Geo. F	1	50	
Moore, Mrs. Aaron		25	10
Moore, Miss Sallie R		50	
Moore, Heber F		25	10
Moore, Miss Fannie E		20	
Moore, Miss Bessie L		10	
Morgan, Miss Laura			
Morgart, Murray L	1	50	75
Mortimer, G. W	7	50	85
Mortimer, Mrs. G. W	3	00	85
Mortimer, Miss Clara	1	50	85
Mortimer, Mrs. Morgan			
Moser, J. Michael	3	00	1 50
Moser, Mrs. J. H	1	50	60
Moser, Miss Laura A		60	60
Musket, Mrs. William		50	
Nagle, Mrs. E	6	00	1 35
Nagle, Mark H	1	50	60
Nagle, Mrs. M. H	1	50	60
Nagle, Miss Ellen	1	08	30
Nagle, Daniel			
Nagle, Mrs. Daniel	4	00	40
Nagle, G. W		72	
Nagle, Howard P	1	00	
Neff, Mrs. Kate		10	5
Neff, Miss Mary		25	5
Ohnmacht, Miss Kate			
Ohnmacht, Fred		50	
Ohnmacht, Miss Mamie E		25	
Parker, Wm. H		5	5
Parker, Miss Amy		10	10
Patterson, Mrs, Joseph			
Pfeifer, Miss Hattie C		70	
Pflueger, Fred	1	50	20
Pflueger, Mrs. Fred		80	45
Pflueger, Miss Laura		90	60
Pflueger, Miss Mamie		25	20
Phillips, Byron		50	
Phillips, Mrs. Byron		50	
Phillips, Mrs. A. L	6	00	2 35
Pugh, Mrs. Daniel M	1	00	
Pugh, Wm. H	1	00	
Pugh, Zachariah	1	50	
Quinn, Mrs. Louis	1	50	30
Rabenau, Mrs. H	1	40	30
Reber, Miss Sallie			
Reed, Mrs. Morgan	1	50	10
Reed, Miss Emma		60	
Reed, Charles		60	15
Reichert, Mrs. Joseph			
Reichert, Mrs. Edward		75	30
Reichert, Charles Edward		75	30
Reichert, Mrs. Susan			
Reith, Mrs. Robt. H	1	00	
Rice, Mrs. Jacob			
Riffert, C. A. W			
Rishel, George	3	00	60
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Rishel, Miss Minnie	1	50	35
Rishel, Charlss L	1	50	60
Rishel, Clinton D	1	75	45
Rishel, William H		75	15
Rishel, G. M. and wife	5	00	1 00
Risheill, Mrs. A	1	75	70
Roehrig, Frank			
Roehrig, Mrs. Frank	1	75	75
Rosengarten, Mrs. H	4	50	1 00
Rosengarten, Miss Carrie	2	00	1 00
Rosengarten, Miss Ella	2	00	1 00
Rosengarten, Miss Clara	2	00	1 00
Rosengarten, Arthur	2	00	1 00
Rosengarten, Wm. H	2	50	
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Rowe, Miss Mamie A		25	
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Shappell, George	1	50	
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Sheetz, Mrs. C.	1	50	
Shell, William	1	00	20
Shell, Mrs. William		50	10
Shellhammer, J. M.	3	00	50
Shellhammer, Mrs. J. M.			
Shoean, Miss Amelia C.		40	5
Shollenberger, Miss M.		75	30
Shugars, Hiram			
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Schum, John G.			
Schum, C. L.		20	
Schum, Mrs. C. L.		20	
Sigfried, Miss R. A. L.		75	
Silliman Miss Tillie		45	
Skeen, Joseph H.	1	50	
Skeen, Mrs. J. H.	1	50	60
Skeen, Harry	1	50	
Skelly, E J.		50	12
Skelly, Mrs. E. J.		50	12
Skelly, George W.			
Skelly, Miss Clara V.		25	10
Smith, Mrs. Frank			
Smith, Miss Callie		90	
Smith, Miss Maggie	1	05	35
Smith, George F.			
Smith, Edward C.			
Snyder, Mrs. Charles	2	00	1 00
Snyder, Miss May		30	35
Snyder, Miss Catharine			
Snyder, Miss Carrie	1	50	50
Snyder, Reuben			
Snyder, Walter R.			
Snyder, Miss Annie M.	1	50	
Snyder, Michael			
Snyder, Miss Katie C.			
Solt, Mrs. Geo. A.			
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Speacht, John F.		60	30
Speacht, Edward		60	30
Speacht, Daniel F.		60	30
Spehrley, Mrs. H.	1	50	
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Steinbach, Miss M.	2	50	
Stellwagon, Mrs. Clara			
Sterner, Mrs. Oscar			
Sterner, F. D.	1	50	
Sterner, Miss Mollie E.	1	50	60
Sterner, H. S.	3	25	50
Sterner, Mrs. H. S.	3	00	50
Sterner, Allen W.	1	25	50
Sterner, Robert F.	1	25	50
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Stichter, Mrs. H. E.		25	
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Stichter, Valentine	3	00	50
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Stoffregen, Miss Ida.	1	05	50
Stout, Mrs. Samuel	1	50	60
Stout, Miss Katie M.		40	10
Stout, R. Bert.	1	10	40
Teter, John	2	40	40
Teter, Mrs. John	1	50	50
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Thomas, Miss Mary			
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Williams, Thomas.	1	50	30
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On July 1st, 1890, the Treasurer's statement to the Church Council, which is made monthly, shows the following:

General Fund, balance on hand,	$ 90:68
Missionary Fund, balance on hand,	302.22
Improvement Fund, deficit,	237.39

On January 1st, 1891, a full and complete financial statement will be made to the congregation at the annual meeting by the Secretary and Treasurer.

There will be no meeting of the Women's Missionary Society in July.

OUR CHILDREN'S DAY.

In accordance with previous announcement, services were held on Sunday evening, June 29th, in observance of Children's Day. It was the general opinion that in all our frequent efforts to decorate the Chancel, never had more pleasing results been obtained. At the height of some twelve or fifteen feet, from a bed of moss embowered in spruce, a mountain rivulet appeared, singing on its downward way, over a rocky fern-shadowed channel. This in full view of all, and in the very centre of the ample platform. Issuing from the basin formed by their fall, these waters then turned abruptly to the left, and after passing through a similar channel one foot in width and six in length, fell with refreshing cadence into a circular pool seven feet in diameter whose borders were lined with rhododendron and from whose centre the waters of a handsome fountain flung their tremulous iridescent banners to the air. The labor of reaching this result was amply compensated for by the unfeigned delight of our hundreds of children and the unstinted admiration of great numbers from other churches who came in at the close of their own services to see it.

We wish to express our appreciation of the kindness of Messrs. Barker and Kear, who furnished us with a beautiful electric lamp for the occasion, without which, owing to the relation of the decorations to the gas jets, the former would have appeared to great disadvantage at night. The adjustment was made at a late hour by the skillful hands of Mr. Edward Williams, and was connected with the current in the parsonage. Our friend and neighbor, Mr. George M. Bretz, has secured an excellent stereoscopic view of these decorations and these can be obtained at twenty-five cents each, from our Superintendent, brother H. S. Sterner.

The little ones who took special part in our services in the way of recitations all acquitted themselves with credit and the offering for our orphans' home at Loysville amounted to forty dollars and seventy-two cents.

THE LUTHERANS IN AMERICA.

This is the title of a portly volume of five hundred and forty-four pages, well bound, printed in type easy to old or weak eyes, indexed with care, and well furnished with wood cuts.

Its price is but $2.75, and a copy of it should sooner or later find its way into every Lutheran family. A partial canvas of the congregation has recently been made and with at least moderate success. If others desire it, they can give their names to the pastor, and he will forward them to the agent.

"The Lutheran host numbers forty-two millions, and in the United States they rank as the fourth denomination in point of numbers, having one million ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and eight souls within their fold. Their story, as Professor Wolf, who is one of the faculty of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, tells it, is one of struggle, progress, influence, and marvelous growth. The book is of that fascinating sort which carries one on to the climax. Of course no one in the oldest Protestant denomination, could begin with the Luther-

ans of New Amsterdam, any more than the historian of our Civil War could open with Ruffin's pulling of the lanyard of Moultrie's first gun trained on Fort Sumter. We have chapters on the Church, the Reformation, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and these contain the very cream of scholarship and history. In Chapter IV. we touch American soil, and read of the fortunes of the first followers of Luther in America, who were not Germans or Swedes, but Dutch.

After the Dutch came the Swedes, and last of all (before the Revolution) came Lutherans from the home of Lutheranism. These German emigrants, mostly from the Palatinate, were driven out by French invasions under Louis XIV., and later, and came mostly to Pennsylvania, This state to the American Lutherans is a kind of Holy Land, and as Professor Wolf tells the pathetic story, his zeal and imagination kindle to a glow. The "spot where first they trod" is eloquently familiar to him, as he is a native of the Keystone State, and in literary charm this portion of his book is the best. After the coming of Heinrich Melchior Muhlenberg—father alike of the reorganized churches and of the noble sons whose names adorn American history—a new era of prosperity dawned, despite the ravages of the Revolutionary War. Synods, both general and independent, were formed, and benevolence and education were developed and organized. The list of colleges, schools, orphan asylums, religious newspapers and publications in book form, of the Lutherans, will be a surprise to most persons not familiar with the history of this religious body. More than any other Protestant church, the Lutheran maintains instruction in the catechism as an indispensable feature of religious training, and retains in her hands the general education of the young. In custom, ritual, and minor dogma, there is considerable local variation. In her American communion, nearly every nationality and language of Northern Europe are represented, and this polyglot composition is at once a source of weakness and of strength. It is very difficult to get it into the heads of old people born in Europe that orthodoxy can have any concord with the English language. The landmarks of the faith to the Scandinavian seem to be in the Norse, to the German in Luther's language, and to the Danish in the tongue of Denmark. In the invincible solvent of the English language, however, ancestral European peculiarities are rapidly disappearing, and every year the Lutherans grow in homogeneity. Professor Wolf's chapters on the Lutheran Church and Culture, Missions, Obligations to Other Communions, Distinguishing Doctrines and Features, Present Strength, and the Future of the Lutheran Church, ought to be read by all Americans, of whatever denomination.

In order that we be intelligent Christians, we must be habitual and continual readers; and if we would be pious Christians, we must be instant in prayer; and that we be happy Christians, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit. If we do not read divine literature, we will not meditate upon divine things; if we do not pray always, we will become lukewarm, indifferent; and if we have not the spirit of Christ, we are none of his; and here ends the whole matter, so far as spirituality is concerned.

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Organized December 1, 1886.

Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

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Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meetings.

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Organized April 28, 1886.

Meets twice a month. Dues Ten Cents a month. Other obligations:— To meet all appointments or submit to a fine for the benefit of the Treasury.

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ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

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OUR CHURCH FRONT.

The years have been passing over us in our pleasant relationship as pastor and people, and each one, as it has gone, has witnessed some worthy and united endeavor to enhance the beauty of our sanctuary. It is needless to recount them, as the results are directly before our eyes and are enjoyed by us every Sabbath. These efforts have done us all good. They have bound us together in a great degree of harmony, they have strengthened and fostered our love to the church, they have led to the development of latent powers and energy, they have awakened a genuine and hearty interest in us on the part of many friends in the general community, and they have been crowned with results that will benefit not only the present, but future generations. It required time and patience and self-sacrifice indeed, but they have all had their abundant reward.

It was this enjoyment of what had been accomplished, and the knowledge thus gained of what we could accomplish, that nerved us for the greatest undertaking of all—the erection of an entirely new steeple and the renovation of our venerable and weather-beaten Church-front. The carrying out of this project was placed in the hands of our worthy Trustees, and well indeed has their labor been performed. The results are such, we are sure, as should gratify the most fastidious, and have drawn forth exclamations of great satisfaction from many not otherwise interested.

Although this work was begun scarcely nine months ago, a very considerable portion of the cost has already been met by liberal contributions from different portions of the congregation. There are still resting upon us, however, obligations to the amount of at least eight hundred dollars and from some parts of the congregation there have either been no

contributions at all or so small in amount that we feel sure that more is intended to follow.

It would surely be a great pity if a congregation of the size and strength of ours, should allow this slight encumbrance to rest very long upon it. We confidently expect this debt to gradually vanish away, like all its predecessors, before the determined and devoted spirit of a gratified people. And we have already some practical evidence that this expectation is well founded. Several of those who have already given most liberally, have recently added freely to their former contributions. Let there be many to follow the good example thus set. Let those who have given give more, if it be in their power. And let such as have given nothing *bear some little part*, at least, in paying for that which is equally for the benefit of all.

The name and place of business of our Treasurer, brother EDWARD FOX, is well known to all. Take your contributions there as quickly as possible, and speed the good work to completion. If this be not convenient, and you prefer, or are necessitated, to give your total contribution in installments, then remember the envelopes given you in which to make a monthly contribution during the year. If you have mislaid or lost them, use any kind of an envelope, only marking it Church Improvement and writing your name upon it. Do this at any service. Only do your part, do it well, and do it as speedily as is consistent with your other obligations. This is all that COUNCIL asks of you, nor can they reasonably expect less.

OUR PICNIC.

Wednesday, the Sixth of August, will long be remembered as a day of genuine pleasure by all who took advantage of the general invitation given to attend our picnic. The time was when a Sunday School picnic differed in few respects from an ordinary Camp-Meeting. Now, we have all due respect for a well conducted Camp Meeting; we also believe heartily in religious gatherings of other character, and in plenty of them: but we believe that a picnic should be an occasion of innocent recreation, and that any employment or amusement that is harmless elsewhere, is equally so at such a place and time.

Among the usual amusements on the day of which we speak, we noted the pitching of quoits, the playing of ball and football, exercising on the swing and with the jumping rope. But in addition to these, several new features appeared.

At 10.30 there was an Egg Race; which was open to all ladies. Eight contestants appeared, each with an egg in a table-spoon. The task was to reach, as speedily as possible, a certain goal, holding the spoon in the hand and not losing the egg by the way. Mrs. ALICE MOORE was the victor.

At Eleven o'clock there was a Pencil-Sharpening contest. About twenty ladies participated. An ordinary lead pencil was divided into three parts and given to each lady. The one who most rapidly and neatly completed the task of sharpening her three small pencils at each end was the victor here. Her name was Mrs. FLORENCE DAVID. Then came dinner.

which we need not describe, as a picnic dinner is a form of exercise with which Pottsville people are especially familiar.

At Two o' clock there was a fifty yard Sack Race for boys under sixteen. If there is a truth stated in the proverb "Laugh and grow fat," we expect great future corpulence in those who saw this performance. MASTER JIMMIE GLENN was the victor, having made his way to the goal by a succession of persistent jumps that amazed his competitors and would have put a kangaroo to shame.

The Tug of War at Two-Thirty, between all the members of the School eventuated in favor of brother Sterner's adherents. The Walking Match at Three o'clock, for ladies, and for a distance of one hundred and fifty yards, was decided by the activity of Miss ELSIE GEIER, while at Three-Thirty Mr. THOMAS WRIGHT distanced by some twenty-feet a large number of competitors in throwing the base ball. At Three Forty-Five Mr. HOWARD WALBRIDGE outran all his rivals in a contest of speed covering a full quarter of a mile; and at Four o' clock MISS KATIE SNYDER, in a similar contest, for girls under sixteen, and for a distance of fifty yards, was easily the victor.

After supper at five o' clock, the spelling-Match at Six-Thirty and open to all, was decided in favor of Mrs. MAY. If we should express our astonishment at this result, we might hear from her, and therefore refrain.

There were no accidents of any character to mar the pleasure of the day and all returned in fine spirits declaring the picnic a complete success.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MOVEMENT.

The statistics of the Christian Endeavor Societies on record to June 1, were given at the International Convention at St. Louis. It has been found that societies exist in every state and territory in the Union and in every English speaking land in the world. In all there are 11,013 Societies with 660,000 members, a gain of 3,341 Societies and 185,000 members in eleven months. This is by far the largest gain ever recorded in the same length of time, and equals the entire membership of the Society during the first seven years. New York leads the list with 1,795 societies; Pennsylvania follows with 818; then comes Massachusetts with 813; Illinois with 809; Ohio with 681; Iowa with 494; Connecticut with 442; New Jersey with 414, and Michigan with 408.

The Society is making gratifying progress in the South, Maryland, Kentucky and Florida having the largest numbers. In the British Provinces are 413 societies. So far as can be ascertained an average of about seven from each society have joined the Evangelical churches during the year, or a total of 70,000; a number equal to about two-thirds of all the associate members at the beginning of the year.

LUCK is waiting for something to turn up. LABOR, with keen eyes and strong will, will turn up something. LUCK lies in bed and wishes the postman would bring him news of a legacy. LABOR turns out at 6 o' clock and with busy pen and ringing hammer lays the foundation of a competency. LUCK whines, LABOR whistles. Luck goes to the poor-house. Labor to independence.

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SOCIETY IN THE CHURCH.

"The criticism sometimes made on certain Churches is that "they have no Society in them," by which is meant that there is an absence of those who flourish in the haunts of worldly pleasure and display, of those who live on the surface of things, of those who believe more in wardrobes and mirrors, in fine outfits and soft carpets, than they do in God and truth and holiness, of those who are less concerned about becoming like Christ and showing his mind, than they are about gratifying self, they are people who are not so devoted to spiritual things as they are to the trinity of which the Apostle speaks—*The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life.*

Of course by this criticism it is not meant that there are no intelligent and excellent people in the Church, but not enough who are prominent at the party in the ball-room, at the theatre and on the platform of fashion. Alas! how this criticism shuts him out, who had not where to lay his head. Alas! what a faulty affair the humble Apostolic Chnrch must have been. How pitiable and sad that any one should fall so completely into the worlds arms, as to make "Society in a Church" a condition of entering or staying out of it.

What an utter misapprehension it is of the true spirit and purpose of the Church. What a crown of thorns such fickle souls lift to the head of our Lord. The Church is the place to hear the Gospel, to worship God, to strive after growth in grace and the salvation of souls, and if there is anything out of place here it is the vaunting of that vain superficial thing, so boldly to-day called *Society.* One thing is certain, Christ and *Society,* I mean the society indicated by this flippant criticism, never dwell together. So there are two classes. Those, not many let us hope, who are looking after *Society* in the Church and those who seek the Master here, the attainment of his mind and the salvation of souls. The word of God describes these two classes in these words—*Ye are of God, little children and have overcome them because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world and the world heareth them.* 1. Jno. 4: 4, 5. Sometimes this reproach upon Christ and his Church is the sin of foolish mothers who are restless to have their daughters have a place and to be well trumpeted in the boast and show of this vanity fair. Sometimes the young are taken with this showy delusion and God or no God, they must chase the deceptive mirage. Who comes into the Church for society's sake is no gain, who stays out for a like reason is no loss. This society business is one of the hindrances in the Church to day. It is as fatal to spiritual life and work as frost is to flowers. The Church will be delivered from a monstrous evil, when that proud selfish

soul destroying thing called *Society* is either converted, or driven out. The money changers whom the indignant Lord lashed across the threshold of the temple were not so bad. Come with me into the presence of Christ, speak to Him and hear Him speak to you, and tell me what He says about *Society. Ye cannot serve God and mammon, Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof.* Go with me to the dying bed; see that poor wasted, unsaved victim of *Society*, it may be misled by some society loving professor of religion, and tell me what you think? Go to the grave, will you find it there? Turn aside the portals of eternity, you will pass them very soon, will you find it there? The true Christian will labor in season and out to save *Society*, but who comes into the Church to play with its ribbons, or stays out because it furnishes no material for such awful mockery and fading display, *perverts the right ways of the Lord* and pronounces himself or herself---*Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.* Put it down that there is spiritual life and the presence of the dear Lord in that Church, of which it is said—'There is no society in that Church.'"—*M. Rhodes, D. D.*

READ THE LUTHERAN OBSERVER.

We are glad to learn that not less than twenty new subscribers for the Lutheran Observer have been secured thus far by the efforts of Mrs. Reichert. We wish her continued and abundant success in her labors. We can never expect the highest degree of Church Loyalty on the part of our people until they inform themselves more fully in regard to the general life and work of our own denomination. The widening of the horizon of thought and the awakening of more generous sympathies which result from such a course, will exert a reflex influence for good which will be felt in every direction in our own congregation. The best informed as to the needs of the Church at large, and the readiest to respond to those needs, are without exception the most liberal-minded, progressive and effective in the Church at home.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

JULY 28.

Carrie May Derr.
Beulah Frances Derr.

JULY 31.

Anna Elgiva Glassmire.

AUGUST 3.

Mary Duey.

MARRIED.

JULY 16.

Mr. Charles F. Hummel.
Miss Lulu M. Lord.

JULY 30.

Mr. William Messner.
Miss Rosa Batdorff.

AUGUST 4.

Mr. Wilson Boyd.
Miss Ella Morgan.

BURIED.

JULY 30.

Mrs. John Dooley.

AUGUST 5.

Mrs. Catherine Dentzer.

AUGUST 9.

Mrs. Mary Bridagam.

HOW WE LOOK.

For the information of our readers out of town we will state that the recent improvements upon our Church property referred to in this issue, consist, in addition to the erection of a new steeple already herein described, of certain changes in the front doorway and windows, and the putting of three coats of paint upon the front wall and outside woodwork.

The steps have been brought forward some feet towards the pavement, giving space for a small platform or doorway before reaching the doors of entrance. The top of this entranceway is of galvanized iron, in handsome Gothic design, and the interior is of similar design, and finished in neat patterns of woodwork.

The square window-frames have been made Gothic, and projecting hoods or caps of Gothic pattern, and of galvanized iron, surmount these and also two panels in the face of the wall on either side of the entrance. The abnormally long central window has been shortened by several feet at its lower end to give space for the roof of the doorway, and reduced by some four feet at its upper extremity, which makes it more companionable with the others and adds geatly to the appearance of the entire exterior.

New windows of Cathedral glass have been put in the sash, with revolving ventilators at the base, and bearing the names of the former memorial windows they replaced, viz: Rev. Daniel Steck, George Rishel, Sr., and William R. Williams. They are of very handsome design and, while they have a rich effect in daylight, are brilliant at night—an effect which is heightened still further by the Edison electric light which has just been introduced into the vestibules and loft.

The galvanized iron work on the exterior has all been neatly and heavily sanded, and the entire frontage is finished in two contrasting colors of stone.

The Evening Chronicle of the 9th instant spoke but the truth when it said "The English Lutheran Church bears but a faint resemblance now to the Church that stood at the head of Garfield Square *last winter.*"

THAT LETTER.

It is probable that nearly every member has already received the recent letter sent him from the pastor in reference to the apportionment for Missions. Our congregation has done well in the past and has been gradually doing better and better. This is as it should be, for we should all try to do more for the cause of God as his favors to us are multiplied with the passing years.

We have succeeded now for the last three years in reaching the full amount that the Synod regards as our fair proportion in the general work. We are heartily glad of it; and, although with a gradually increasing membership and the more urgent needs of our vast mission fields, our apportionment has been somewhat increased, we still have it within our power to raise the sum requested, and should make every proper effort to do so. A general response to the pastor's request is therefore earnestly hoped for, and will enable him to render to the Synod an excellent showing of the congregation's liberality for the past Synodical year.

SOME FIGURES.

A comparison of the Finances of the congregation for the last eight months with the corresponding months of last year, yields the following results.

General Fund,	1889,	$1,021.09—	1890,	$ 951.73
Missions,	1889,	253.16—	1890,	258.64
Improv't Fund,	1889,	297.81—	1890,	737.54
Total for Eight mos,		$1,572.06		$1,947.91

This gives a balance of increase, for the present year, of $375.85 in the total contributions of our people.

It will appear, however, that in their laudable desire to help along the Church Improvement Fund, some of our people have for the time being neglected their gifts to the General Fund. We wish to meet, in as reasonable a time as possible, the cost of recent improvements, but not to the detriment of any of our regular funds.

Perhaps there is a moral in the figures. Perhaps our people of very moderate means are doing ordinarily about all that they can afford, and in order to respond to special appeals, must let the regular causes suffer to some degree. Perhaps some of those who are more able, financially, should shoulder a little more of responsibility, and be still more liberal in sustaining the common work.

Some of these have been doing remarkably well; we could not ask or expect more. Let others follow their example, lest the burden fall too heavily on weaker shoulders. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

How to Kill Enemies.—Some courtiers reproached the Emperor Sigismund, that instead of destroying his conquered foes, he admitted them to his favor. "Do I not," replied this illustrious monarch, "effectually destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" Alexander the Great being asked how he had been able, at at so early an age, and in so short a period, to conquer such vast regions, and establish so great a name, replied, "I used my enemies so well, that I compelled them to be my friends; and I treated my friends with such constant regard, that they became unalterably attached to me."

TOPICS AND LEADERS OF YOUNG PEOPLES' MEETINGS.

June 22.—Study of God's Word. II Tim. 2:15. J. H. Helwig.
July 6.—Warfare. Eph. 6:10–17. J. I. Saul.
" 13.—The Gracious Verdict. John 8:11. H. S. Sterner.
" 20.—The Lord's Abiding Presence. Matt. 28:20. O. P. Witman.
" 27.—The Bread of Life. John 6:22–65. S. M. Enterline.
Aug. 3.—Pray and Forgive. Matt. 6:14-15. J. H. Helwig.
" 10—Confessing Christ. Matt. 10:32–33. H. P. Nagle.
" 17.—Rewards for Service. 1 Cor. 3:11-15. H. S. Sterner.
" 24.—Life Eternal. John 3:14-15. O. P. Witman.
" 31.—Guidance. Isa. 58:11. Geo. C. Welker.

On the 31st of July the Ladies' Sewing Circle held their annual picnic at Landingville. They turned out in goodly number and many of them bid fair to become experts on the bicycle.

The Sunday-School has just added a hundred dollars' worth of new books to its library. We doubt whether there is a larger or better selection of Sunday-School literature in any of the Churches of our town.

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Daniel Christian,	E. J. Skelly,
F. E. Deisher.	Oscar P. Witman.

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TREASURER:—Edward Fox.

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TEACHERS: Mrs. L. K. Beyerle, Mrs. E. G. Hay, Miss C. Rosengarten.

ORGANIST: Miss Callie Smith.

SPECIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Mite Society.

Meetings the First Wednesday Evening of each month in Church parlor.

President, Mrs A. B. Cochran.
Sec'y and Treas., Mrs. Edward Fox.

OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY FIVE.

Church Choir.

Meetings for practice every Friday Evening at 7 30.

Leader — Dr. P. K. Filbert.
Organist, - Mrs. G. M. Rishel.

OTHER MEMBERS—FIFTEEN.

Womens' Missionary Society.

Organized December 1, 1886.

Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

President, Miss Katie Dentzer
Vice President, Mrs. Thomas Geier.
Cor. Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Hay.
Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Edward Fox.
Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Hill.

OTHER MEMBERS—FORTY-TWO.

Children's Missionary Society.

Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meetings.

Literary Society.

Organized April 28, 1886.

Meets twice a month. Dues Ten Cents a month. Other obligations:— To meet all appointments or submit to a fine for the benefit of the Treasury.

President, Dr. C. D. Miller.
V. President, Katie Kaiser.
Secretary, Howard P. Nagle.
Treasurer, Elsie Geier.

OTHER MEMBERS—TWENTY-SEVEN.

Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized December 15, 1886.

Meeting on the Second and Third Wednesday of each month. Regular dues, Ten Cents a month.

President, Miss C. Schrader.
Sec'y and Treas., Miss L. Schrader.

OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY-SIX.

Christian Workers.

Organized, November 27, 1887. Meetings the Second and Fourth Saturday Afternoons of each month, at 2.30. in the Infant Room.

President,	Miss Mollie Sterner.
V. President,	Mrs. E. G Hay
Secretary,	Miss Emma Reed.
Treasurer,	Miss Nellie Mortimer.
Organist,	Miss Jennie Conrad.

OTHER MEMBERS—FORTY.

Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

Organist, Miss Laura Moser.

Choir.—J. I. Saul, William Rishel, John Brownmiller, Mrs. Geo. Weaver, Albert Schock, C. J. Wright, Ella Schropp, Lidie Crosland and Mrs. Byron Phillips.

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OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY-TWO.

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Devotional meetings upon alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3 o'clock in the Church Parlor, conducted by the President.

Business Meetings the First Thursday Evening of each month after the congregational prayer-meeting.

Joint Meetings with the Association monthly on the Second Wednesday Evening of each month.

OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. Daniel Christian.
Vice President, Mrs. E. J. Skelly.
Secretary, Mrs. E. Reichert.

OTHER MEMBERS—SIXTY.

Ward Committees.

South Ward:—Mrs. Robert H. Weston, with Mrs. Byron Phillips, Mrs. Edward Green, Mrs. J. Hollenbach, Mrs. Geo. Kline, Miss Pearl Weston, and Miss Martha Hadesty.

Middle Ward:—Mrs. Edward Reichard, with Mrs. C. Dimmick, Mrs. C. Wiederhold, Mrs. M. B. Bell, Mrs. A Risheill, Mrs. G. H. Dentzer and Miss Eva Dengler.

North-West Ward:—Mrs. F. C. Currier, with Mrs. A Schock, Mrs. J. Brownmiller and Mrs. D. Christian.

South-East Ward:—Mrs. John Conrad, with Mrs. G. C. Welker, Miss Lidie Crosland and Mrs. A. Billington.

North-East Ward:—Mrs. H. H. Hill with Mrs. L. F. Heller, Mrs. Charles Snyder, Mrs. Geo. Rishel, Sr., and Mrs. O. P. Witman.

North and Seventh Wards:—Miss Carrie Gross with Miss Elsie Hartline.

REGULAR SERVICES.

At all of which pews are free and strangers are cordially welcome.

Morning Service at 10.30.

Sabbath School at 2 P. M.

Young People's Meeting at 6 30 P.M.

Teachers' meeting, conducted by the Superintendent, on Tuesday evening at 7.30.

Prayer meeting, conducted by the Pastor, on Thursday evening at 7.30.

Evening Service at 7.30.

Women's Missionary Meeting the last Wednesday of each month.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the First Sabbath of each Quarter.

Preparatory Services in connection with the Prayer Meeting service the Thursday evening preceding Communion.

STATED OFFERINGS.

Envelope collection for Pastor's Salary and Current Expenses and Missions the First Sabbath in each month.

Basket collections at every service.

Special Basket Collection the Last Sabbath of each month.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

No work in which our Church to-day is engaged is of greater importance than the work of Church Extention. By gaining a strong hold in this country we will be in better condition to send the gospel to foreign lands. From all parts of our great country, especially from the "West," and what has been termed the "New West," come loud calls for help. But to most of those asking we must say, "we cannot help *now*," "we have no funds." Shall the cause be retarded? Shall we cease extending our Church? Shall no more new Churches be built? We trust that day may never come, when we shall answer these questions in the affirmative.

The work must go on. It dare not stop. As our opportunities increase, so must the work increase; as the fields become white, so must the harvesting be done. Churches on mission fields *must* be built. We must be ever ready to supplement the efforts of the Home Mission Board and plant a Church for the faithful missionary. We believe the Lord will raise up helpers for this great cause. The work is important, because:

I. In Every Community a Church Building is an Absolute Necessity.

Rev. W. H. Dunbar, of Lebanon, Pa., said at the meeting of General Synod at Allegheny, June 17th, 1889:

"Take it in its relation to the community. I question whether you can do a better thing for the moral tone of a community as well as for its spiritual condition than to build a Church. You may destroy all the drinking places and pool rooms and vile places in a town, and I will not say that you are not doing a good thing, but it is after all only a negative work. You may send a missionary there to preach an occasional sermon, and I will not say that you have not done a good thing, but it is after all only a temporary thing. Build a Church, rear an altar, and you have done a positive thing of an abiding character for the moral and religious condition of that community.

"Or take it in its bearing upon the moral and religious life of the nation. One of the great factors of moral strength of this country is that it is a land of Churches. Tear down the Churches that are scattered to-day over this broad land, along the hill sides and through the valleys, in the mountains and over the plains, in the city, town and hamlet, with their tall spires pointing upward as if to remind man of God—tear down these Churches, and overthrow their altars, and you leave a scene of moral desolation. Wherever a Church is built it becomes a positive factor of moral strength to the nation."

2. In Most Places in the West and in New, Growing Communities of the East, there are Hundreds of Congregations who Cannot Build without at Least Some Aid.

Shall these be lost to our Church and many to Christ forever? They must have help or have no Church, and if the latter, what will be the consequences?

3. The Lutheran Church in this Country has a Wide Field of Usefulness.

Such a field is given to no other denomination. God has given to our Church not simply one, or ten, but many hundred talents. What shall the record be of the use of these at the Great Day of Judgment?

REV. H. H. WEBER,
Sec. of Board of Church Extension.

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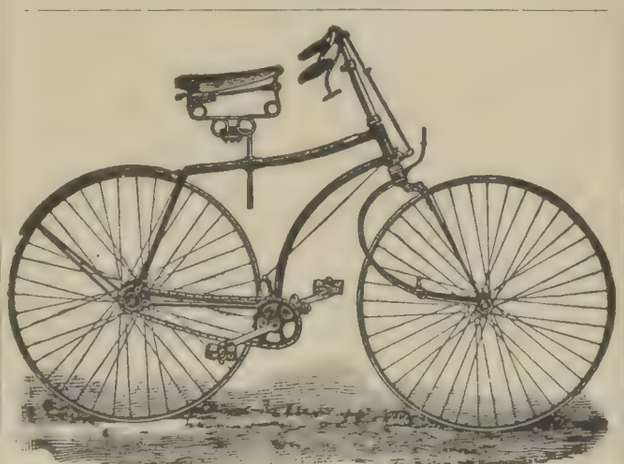

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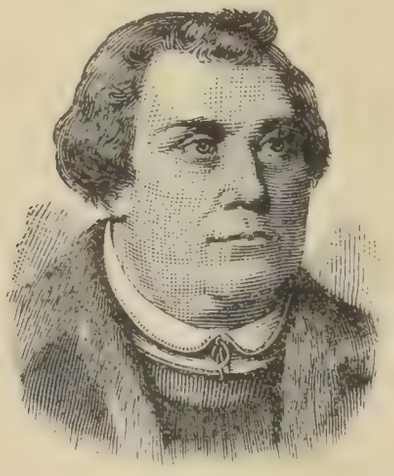

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THE SYNOD OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Will hold its Forty-Ninth Annual Convention in the English Lutheran Church, of Columbia, Pa., Rev. W. S. Hinman, pastor, from the 17th to the 23rd of September, inclusive.

At its last session it numbered within its bounds 70 ministers, 107 Churches--with a communicant membership of 16,738—75 Lutheran, and 38 Union Sunday-Schools with 2460 Officers and Teachers and 18,559 Scholars whose contributions for that year were $17,-440.06.

The amounts given for the general work of the Church were as follows: For General Synod $322,83; for Synodical Treasury $743.96; for Home Missions $3274.90; for Foreign Missions $4076.52; for Church Extension $3370.77; for Board of Education $1161.09; for Beneficiary Education $2073.41; through Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society $2466.-97; for Pastors' Fund $481.21; for Orphans' Home $1469.14—a total of $29,801.49, of which $5,876.42 was from the Sunday-School. The Churches also gave during the period referred to, the sum of $11,360.69 towards other objects which demanded their sympathy and aid.

It is impossible adequately to estimate the immense amount of good which has already been accomplished by the labors of this tireless band of workers or the real magnitude of the opportunities now afforded them of gathering souls for the master. Let there be much of earnest prayer on the part of our people that the blessing of the Most High may attend all our deliberations in behalf of his Kingdom.

Brother Edward Fox has been elected as our delegate to Synod; brother S. M. Enterline, Esq., as alternate.

PERILS OF THE CITY.

1. *Aggregation of Numbers.*—A vast, dense crowd seems like a living thing; as if the separate individualities of those who composed it had been massed into the one overwhelming individuality of the multitude, with all gentleness and tenderness left behind. Keep guard over yourself, for if you stumble, the crowd will trample upon you. When the human mass surges in any direction, the human atom is powerless to resist. It is aggregated power, pitiless, resistless, remorseless, like an elemental force; and its spirit is always that conscienceless, merciless dogma of pantheism that "might is right."

The tendency of the great city is to feel that it can of right do whatever it pleases. The mob of New York, in 1863, believed they could successfully resist the draft, stop the war for want of men, and dictate terms to the National Government. No decisive measures against the liquor traffic can be enforced in the great cities, although the better element favor the enforcement. The startling feature of the situation is, that able, excellent, and well-informed men all over the country take it for granted that this must and will be. It is the old claim of nullification conceded. The city nullifies the laws of the State.

2. *Aggregation of Wealth and Poverty.*—In the great city compassion and sympathy are overwhelmed by the numbers of the destitute—the unfathomable depth of the need. Compassion shrinks paralyzed before a need which would seem to require omnipotence to supply, and the recoil is avoidance and disgust. Hence the massing together of the rich in their own sections of the city, where the poor cannot come. The massing of wealth involves the massing of poverty. The poor are driven by necessity into "the poor quarters," where they pull each other down. Fifth Avenue and Five Points grow more hopelessly asunder. Fifth Avenue despises Five Points, and Five Points hates Fifth Avenue. Behold all the elements for Socialism and Anarchy!

3. *Aggregation of Vice.*—The massing of wealth and poverty tends to vice at both ends of the social scale. Hereditary wealth, with no spur of necessity for work, and nothing manifest to be achieved by the working, when the world is stale and luxury commonplace, still finds a possible novelty and exhilaration in wickedness. At the other end of the scale, there is a possible grind of circumstances which is too much for any ordinary human virtue. Hereditary pauperism and hereditary crime, professional pauperism and professional crime are the results.

4. *As Extremes Meet, Aggregation Produces Isolation.*—There is no more thorough isolation attainable than that found amid the mass of stranger humanity in a great city. The seclusion of the pathless woods is as nothing by comparison. This complete isolation produces quite opposite effects upon different natures. The despondent, the defeated, the inconstant, the deserted, it often leads to despair. "Nobody cares," becomes the soul's pitiful refrain, and it soon ceases to care for itself. Another class whose conscience is public opinion, finds in this isolation a sense of careless security. "Nobody knows me," is the

thought; and all sorts of questionable and dangerous gratifications are sought. The very loneliness encourages and provokes to the indulgence.

Criminals hide in cities; the freemasonry of crime soon makes them known to each other, and they constitute a terribly compact and coherent mass—a deadly menance to society.

Certain laws "cannot be enforced" in cities because the rabble objects. The better classes of people throughout the State will have to be content with such legislation as the slums of the cities will permit to be enforced. This is the claim, and it is to a thoughtful mind an appaling one. Somewhere a remedy should be found, and *it should be found soon.*

—*The Statesman.*

THE STORY OF THE CROSS.

Have you ever thought, dear reader, that there is a story which millions of lips never tire of telling; the story of *a cross.* Tales of cities reveling in wealth untold, of victors whose conquests made the whole earth tremble, or of noble captives, pining in exile, claim our thought for a little while, then vanish as a dream. But there is a precious story that multitudes, from the loftiest heights of fame to the humblest walks of life, love to repeat. It is the story of a cross that stood without the stately walls of the proud city of Jerusalem, as it lay so beautiful on that fair morning, nearly two thousand years ago, bathed in the resplendent glories of the rising King of Day. Well may we recall that scene, for on that cross that day a tender, compassionate, loving Savior was slain; the Lamb of God was sacrificed for your sins and for mine. From that cross, down through the centuries, has been flowing a stream of blessing, joy, light and life, growing wider and deeper as the years roll on. Happy may the Christian be as he views these blessed influences bringing the world to the feet of the Savior, and shout for joy as he sings,

> "In the cross of Christ I glory,
> Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time
> All the light of sacred story
> Gathers round its head sublime."

But countless numbers still sit in midnight darkness, on whom the holy light of the cross has not yet dawned. Shall we to whom the command was given, "Go teach all nations," withhold from them the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

No Savior's gentle words to cheer life's rugged pathway, in those dark countries; no loving Savior's hand to cling to when they draw nigh the Valley of the Shadow; no hope of a home everlasting to crown earth's disappointments. Think what you would do without all these, and then you will not hesitate to consecrate your means, talents and even life itself to the service of that loving Master who has bidden us go, and promised "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

A MEMBER.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of East Pennsylvania will occur upon the 23rd of September in Zion Lutheran Church of Lebanon. Rev. W. H. Dunbar is pastor of this Church and we anticipate an interesting convention.

Mrs. Edward Fox and Mrs. Thomas Geier are the delegates elect of our Women's Missionary Society, and we understand that several more of our ladies expect to attend as visitors.

Our report to the convention will be the raising of $23.45 in cash, and the sending out of a Home-Missionary Box valued at $73.77, a total of $97.22.

SHARP BUT TRUE.

One who is interested in the welfare of the Sunday-School has handed us the following for use in these pages hoping it may do good here, as it was plainly intended and adapted to do elsewhere.

"TO THE TEACHER WHO IS HABITUALLY ABSENT FROM HIS CLASS."

[From the Worker's Monthly of London.]

Dear Sir: You have been absent from your Sunday-School class many times during the past fifty-two weeks. If you had only been absent once or twice, or if you had made a strenuous effort to provide a substitute when absent, I would have no message to send you; but you are one of those teachers who come when you feel like it, and stay away when you feel inclined, and yet who never offer to resign, so that a more faithful man may be found to take your place.

You are a tribulation to the superintendent,—a rock of offense to the school, and a stumbling.block to every young Christian. I speak strongly; for you are a hard case, and soft words would be wasted on you. I am forced to believe, from your actions, that no motive sufficiently high influences you as a teacher. You are not thus spasmodic and uncertain in your business; you are found at your work promptly on Monday morning, and every other morning,—you are rarely afflicted with a cold so grievous that you cannot make a day's wage. What, then, can we conclude, except that the inducement is not strong enough to bring you regularly to Sunday-school, —you will do more for money than you will for the love of the Lord and the young people whom he has given you to look after in your class? You have no more right to be absent from your class than the minister has to be absent without substitute from his pulpit on Sunday. The fact that he gets a salary, and you do not, has nothing to do with the case. When you took the class, you virtually agreed to teach it, not once in a while but every Sunday.

In the hope that this will have more effect on you in print than it has had personally, I sign myself your faithful superintendent. D. G.

IMPROVEMENT FUND.

We have heard of several recent gifts to this fund—out of which, it is well understood we are paying as rapidly as possible for all the late improvements to our Church property. They have all been welcome, but none more so than the gift of ten dollars from brother Charles DeFrehn, now of Baltimore City, who though now a member of a congregation in that place, has never forgotten his old Church-home. This is the second unsolicited pledge of his affection for Zion which he has been pleased to render. We know of a few others also who have done likewise from time to time.

We sincerely hope that all who have

gone out from us into other places, and many of whom are readers of this paper from month to month, are prospering in their daily business, and steadily, prayerfully supporting some Church of their own. We do not feel like asking any such to assist in our varied enterprises here—but we surely would not object at any time to receive proof of their continued interest in the *substantial* form in which it has been tendered by brother DeFrehn.

We will pause here in our remarks on this subject lest it be thought we are hinting. We seldom do much of this, preferring to go straight at the mark.

SUCCESS.

It is always pleasant to realize that efforts put forth have not been vain. And this is especially true when the labor expended has been in the line of Christian instruction—the encouragement of others to enter more heartily into the work of the Lord.

In the face of great discouragement—in view of other matters demanding expenditure—we have steadily set our face each year toward a certain goal to which we endeavored to lead our people. We have tried to awaken a ready response on their part to the crying needs of the Church at large, and to the voice of God in his providence indicating, through the Apportionment of Synod, the very least amount we as a congregation should give to meet them.

Steadily, with the growth of the congregation and the increasing needs of the various branches of our denominational activity, has the amount of this apportionment usually increased. And steadily have we striven each year to reach the specified amount. To properly instruct the more than five hundred members who have united with us in this period, a great many of whom were comparatively young—to help these to understand and appreciate the privilege and duty of sustaining this part of the Lord's work—has been no easy undertaking, nor are we at all surprised that for several years, although rapidly improving, we yet fell somewhat short of performing our whole duty.

But in the year 1887 our efforts were crowned with success, and we have not yet laid down the banner. We trust we never may. Let us look at the figures and thank God for results.

	MEMBERS.	APPORTIONED.	RAISED.
1881.	179.	$71.58	$83.60
1882.	300.	261.00	225.97
1883.	350.	304.50	257.82
1884.	340.	407.00	268.91
1885.	342.	300.00	237.63
1886.	362.	407.06	241.94
1887.	391.	306.60	306.60
1888.	430.	347.00	349.33
1889.	455.	352.80	374.64
1890.	513.	442.06	461.58

We rejoice in all that we have been enabled to do for our home work—within the comparatively little limits of our own city—but we are still more greatly delighted when we ponder over the increasing richness of the streams of blessing we have been sending far and wide throughout the vast area of our Lutheran territory and for the cause of Christ. By the grace of God let us do more and better still!

A New Subscriber—Mrs. C. McDaniel.

VISITORS.

Rev. Dr. E. Huber, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church of Philadelphia occupied our pulpit on the morning of the 3rd of August, preaching an instructive discourse upon the words--"All Scripture is profitable." In the evening, Rev. O'Brien, a student at Union Theological Seminary, who is soon to go out as a foreign Missionary, spoke to us about our duties in the dissemination of the Gospel.

We regret that the violent tempest that prevailed at that hour prevented many from hearing his earnest remarks, but are glad to multiply herein certain inquiries made and facts presented in a circular which but a few of us received.

"IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1890.

Shall the Generation now upon the face of the Earth Hear the Gospel.

First: It is our Lord's last command, Mark 16:15. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Every creature" cannot possibly mean only on one third of the globe. It is our Savior's will, 1 Tim. 2:4. Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Second: This generation will be lost unless they hear the Gospel, Ps. 9:17. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Third: If this generation hear the Gospel, *we* must carry it them, for to us the work has been committed, 2 Cor. 5:19 God * * * hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Fourth: We cannot serve the next generation. Are we the David 'serving our own generation?'

THE FIELD IS THE WORLD.

	In Home Field.	In Foreign Field.
Population,	60,000,000	1,000,000,000
Number Ministers,	78,864	2,923
Christian Workers,	1,218,025	37,704
Church Members,	11,560,196	754,068
Money for Christ,	$80,000,000	$4,000,000

In the Heathen world there are about 1,000,000,000 souls, 30,000,000 a year go into eternity without God. Our Lord said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Out of 35,000,000 Protestant Church members only about 6,000 have given themselves entirely to this work, or one out of every 5,800.

In Heathen lands there is one ordained missionary for every 320,000 souls; including lay workers, one for every 165,000; including native helpers, one for every 25,000; and there is only one Christian in every 1,500 persons.

How shall they believe in whom they have not heard?

Of the Church's total contributions, 2 per cent. is set apart for Foreign Missions, where there is the greatest need; 98 per cent. is spent at home.

One cent annually is given for each heathen to bring them to Christ.

Less than fifty cents yearly on an average is given by each communicant in Christendom for the evangelization of 1,000,000,000 heathen.

About 1,500,000,000 people are now living on the earth, two thirds of these never yet having heard the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour. If this generation of these nations who sit in darkness hear the Gospel, it must be within a very short sime, for the length of a generation is not to exceed thirty-five years. We need not speak of

evangelizing the world in one or two hundred years, for we now have the loving words of our Lord that all power for this work is given unto Him and that He will be with us all the days; and we have also to-day sufficient men, means and methods to carry the Gospel to the "uttermost part of the earth" within ten years. The blood of the millions and millions who are now dying and who will die in sin, if we delay to send the Gospel to them, will be required at our hands."

THOUGHTFULNESS.

Our people have been more than usually thoughtful, during the past year, of the appearance of the chancel. There has scarcely been a Sabbath for a long while that some floral offering has not been made.

Sometimes the flowers have not been there in great profusion, but there have been enough, when fewest in number, to brighten our already pleasant surroundings, and to turn our thoughts in gratitude to the great God of Nature who has made everything beautiful in its time.

"All thy works do praise thee, O God, and thy saints shall bless thee!"

OFFICIAL RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

AUG. 16.

Maud Esther Shappell.

MARRIED.

AUG. 19.

Mr. Harry J. Crosland.
Miss Diana Yeager.

BURIED.

AUG. 19.

Carrie Parker.

HYMN BOOKS.

A dozen Hymn-Books were recently purchased *for the use of visitors.* We are afraid some of our members use these, rather than purchase books for themselves, or carry to Church the ones they own. Do not do this. You can purchase a book through the pastor for as little as forty cents, or as much more as you wish to pay.

We fear that inadvertently some of these books for visitors have been carried away. Look for them at home and return them if they are found. On the front cover of each is inscribed in plain gilt letters, Property of the English Lutheran Church of Pottsville, Pa.

ANOTHER ENTERTAINMENT.

We have many pleasant recollections of the Musical Entertainment and Sociable in our Church on the Seventh of May. The Church was well filled upon that occasion and the fact was demonstrated that we have a very creditable array of home talent. But we have a great deal more that is latent as yet, as we expect to discover early in October, when another entertainment will be held. Come yourself and bring your friends along.

We heard some of the very best of news lately in regard to our congregation. We are burning to tell it with a hearty shout of Glory to God, but we may not yet.

It is an illustration of the power of God's spirit—well, we must pause or we will tell it.

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ORGANIST: Miss Callie Smith.

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Leader — Dr. P. K. Filbert.
Organist, — Mrs. G. M. Rishel.

OTHER MEMBERS—FIFTEEN.

Womens' Missionary Society.

Organized December 1, 1886.

Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

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Treasurer, — Mrs. H. H. Hill.

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Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meetings.

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Organized April 28, 1886.

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V. President, — Katie Kaiser.
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OTHER MEMBERS—TWENTY-SEVEN.

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OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY-SIX.

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OTHER MEMBERS—FORTY.

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ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

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Prayer meeting, conducted by the Pastor, on Thursday evening at 7.30.

Evening Service at 7.30.

Women's Missionary Meeting the last Wednesday of each month.

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A FLYING TRIP.

We had the pleasure, this Summer, of being present at two Sunday-School picnics beside our own. On the 13th of August we went by rail to the mountain summit which overlooks Mahanoy City and thence by cycle to East Mahanoy Junction, a delightful run of about five miles. Here we met many of our genial friends of the Lutheran Church of Mahanoy City, whose Sunday-School had come out to enjoy the day. There was the pastor, Rev. I. P. Zimmerman with whom we had floated at midnight on the waters of the Susquehanna above Halifax as early as the summer of 1877 seeking the finny denizens of its depths by aid of a rotating half-bushel of blazing and crackling faggots of pine—there was our ubiquitous friend, brother Charles Bensinger, whom we have met with pleasure at almost every convention of Synod or Conference since 1880, and the hospitality of whose comfortable home we have so frequently enjoyed, there were the Smith brothers, whose name is in itself suggestive of universal brotherhood—the patriarch Father Halderman, as youthful in spirit as the youngest—and many others beside whom it is always a pleasure to meet but whose names we have not well retained.

Departing about three o'clock we reached Tamaqua by cycle a half hour ahead of our expected train, and concluding we could dispense with it altogether, glided over fifteen miles more of the most excellent roads of the county, reaching Port Carbon in time to take picnic supper at the Lutheran assembly near that locality and arriving home in time to finish off the day with our industrious Sewing Circle gathered in the parsonage and engaged in the worthy occupation of sewing the pages of the English Lutheran.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL OFFERINGS.

Of the $461.58 raised this year for general benevolence, $152.79 was from the Sunday-School, of which amount $40.72 was given upon Children's Day as an offering for the Orphan's Home, and $20 by Mrs. Roehrig's class for the erection of a Mission Church in India. If we include among the Sunday-School offerings a similar contribution of the Mission Band, originally Miss Mollie Sterner's class in the Sunday-School—and still largely composed of these and others of our scholars, it would make the aggregate offering of the School $172.79.

This does not by any means reveal the total giving of the School during the year—which we hope to be able to report in our next issue.

TOPICS AND LEADERS OF YOUNG PEOPLES' MEETINGS.

Sept. 7.—Making a Name. Genesis xi: 4.
S. M. Enterline.

" 14.—Afraid to do his Duty. Jonah i: 1–16.
E. J. Skelly.

" 21.—Faith, Hope and Charity. 1 Cor. xiii.
J. H. Helwig.

" 28.—Trial of Faith. Genesis xxii: 2.
H. P. Nagle.

Oct. 5.—What to Do. Ecclesiastes xii.
H. S. Sterner.

" 12.—Filial Reconciliation.
Genesis xlv: 1–15. G. C. Welker.

" 19.—Betraying the Master.
Matthew xvi: 47-50.
Matthew xvii: 3–5.
O. P. Witman.

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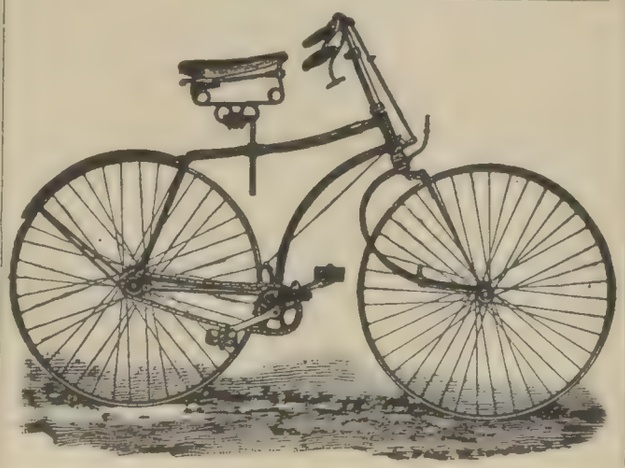

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MEMORIAL NUMBER.

Unusual occurrences are worthy of unusual notice. It is with no intention whatever of implying that the departure of other members to the Church Triumphant has been less deeply felt, that we take special note of recent occasions of separation and sorrow.

In the providence of God there has been a group of these, that will ever be thought of by our people as different from all others. In less than three months five of our members have perished in railroad wrecks within thirty miles of their homes—Louis F. Heller, George P. Heller, Edward Fox, Mrs. Edward Fox, and Mrs. J. E. Fredericks, whose esteemed husband fell a sacrifice also to the same disaster. In one instance the suggestion was made that our remarks at the funeral service be printed in these pages for the benefit of the many who could not possibly gain access to the house. But, as the circumstances in the other cases referred to were precisely similar, we have thought well, in compliance with this request, to cover still broader ground, and embrace them all.

The passing of resolutions on the part of our Council in case of brother Fox alone, was considered as eminently appropriate in view of the position he held as one of their number. It cannot reasonably be looked for in any other case unless similar in this respect.

At the service conducted for Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks, as also at that for Mr. and Mrs. Fox, the pastor was to be assisted by others, whose remarks were to follow, and shaped his own utterances accordingly. He regrets that the shortness of the

period allowed for preparation did not permit the formulation of a worthier tribute to the memory of the departed.

Brother Louis F. Heller was an engineer on the Reading Railroad, and his brother, George P. Heller, was his assistant. Through the misplacement of a switch, just south of Tuckerton, the former, on the 23d of June, was almost instantly killed under his engine, and the latter so seriously injured as to die, in the Reading hospital, on the 5th of July.

At the funeral of brother Louis F. Heller on the 26th of June, the pastor alone officiated, and the following words were spoken :

We are reminded, in this hour, of the comforting assurance contained in the Seventh verse of the Tenth chapter of the Book of Proverbs, that "The memory of the just is blessed."

Seldom has our community been so painfully startled and so universally distressed, as by the news of the sad catastrophe that has resulted in our assembly here to-day. To know that our friend and fellow citizen, brother Louis Heller, the generous, the genial, and the faithful, has so suddenly perished at the post of duty, and been taken away from our earthly fellowship forever,—this it is hard for us, even at this hour, to understand or to realize.

The sky of our hope was all clear—there was no cloud to mar its brightness or to portend aught of sadness—but suddenly the very tempest of disaster has swept over us, leaving us desolate and forsaken. In the very strength and vigor of mature manhood, with eye undimmed and with natural force unabated, our brother is taken away, and we have left but the poor privilege of paying, to his ashes, these last sad tributes of respect.

We feel our utter inability to give adequate expression to our grief for the living or our respect for the departed. To so speak to this afflicted household as to voice the sympathy and sorrow that surcharges our own heart and the hearts of all in this community. We are all true mourners here today. The darkness of a common sorrow envelopes us all. We know how to appreciate a man of real worth, and feel too keenly for adequate utterance the loss we have sustained.

Yet "*The memory of the just is blessed,*" nor shall we ever cease to remember that brother Heller was a brave man. The death that he at last has met with, is one that for years he has faced. We seldom enter a railway train but that we think at least of the danger that surrounds us. A measure of relief comes over us as our destination is safely reached. But here was a man who, almost from childhood, had confronted these dangers; and who, for more than the last quarter of a century, has daily stood, with cheek unblanched and iron nerve, in the very fore-front of peril, receiving and never in one instance abusing, the confidence of thousands who had entrusted their lives to his care. It was not that he was without due knowledge of his hourly danger, for no man ever had a deeper sense of responsibility. It was solely because he was *a brave man* that he was enabled so long to maintain his stand, daily jeopardizing his life for the welfare and happiness of others. On the tablets of the hearts of all who are able to discern and to remember deeds of bravery, as much in the humbler walks and employ-

nents of life as on the arena of the great battle-fields of the nation, let there be henceforth inscribed, in the lists of the heroes we love to remember, and in a place of honor not inferior to any, the name of LOUIS HELLER THE BRAVE.

And to those who knew him best, it will be a pleasure to remember him ever for *his kindness of heart.* He was as kind-hearted as brave. These are qualities that do not always appear together, but were both well developed in this life. And there is many a one today, among the present and the absent, who is now recalling, and will ever remember with grateful heart, the ready helpfulness extended to him in some hour of need by brother Louis Heller. And this, naturally, is especially the case among those with whom he was thrown into closest contact upon the road. My heart was deeply touched by the appeal that came from these only yesterday, that they might be accorded the privilege of looking once more upon the face of their kind-hearted friend. Sadly marred as they knew that countenance must be, they could not think it possible for them to go onward in life having seen his face no more. Others might be actuated by a measure of idle curiosity to behold the awful effects of this terrible catastrophe, and it would be perfectly proper that the hand of love, if so disposed, should shield the precious remains from the sight of such; but this request was one that the heart of love itself could not deny, for 'twas the appeal of affection begotten by our brother's kindness of heart to those among whom he had daily labored and moved.

Among the blessed memories of our brother that remain is that of his *justness.* And the Scripture has well said "The memory of the just is blessed." Amid the large degree of moral obliquity with which we come into almost daily contact, it is ever refreshing and strengthening to remember the moral uprightness of men who, like our departed brother, were of marked and unvarying integrity. He was everywhere and always known as an upright man and a just. So fair minded was he in his judgment, so habitually fair in all his dealings with others that he was looked up to as a very father by his companions in labor and approached by them as a referee in all the little misunderstandings or disagreements that arose between them. Whatever his decision, they were content to abide by it. He was of that equable temperament that is not easily swayed by prejudice, or overbalanced by momentary irritation, We are told indeed that the most trying experiences of his calling were never seen to ruffle his temper. It should be an inspiration to us also, to remember his *devotion to his calling.* The same spirit that caused him to be just toward all others, kept him honest in his dealings with his employers. He was never found shirking the duties he had engaged to perform. He sought ever to be a workman that had no need to be ashamed, and in these things he has surely merited the "Well done" of his earthly employers and his heavenly Master. Even amid all the changes that occured in the history and government of the road, changes which, in the very last week of his life, led to a sad accident for which he was not in the least degree responsible, but which was fearfully trying to

his sensitive spirit, he moved onward with unswerving fidelity in the pathway of duty, determined that however others might act, his part should be well and faithfully done. With true devotion to his calling he sought to secure an even greater degree of safety for those entrusted to his own care and the care of others. To his thoughtfulness, we are told, we owe a system, now in vogue, by which far greater security than ever before is afforded to the traveling public. There are few, if any, of us here to day, who can say we do not owe our very lives to his skill and care. Well therefore may strong men weep like babes as they remember that this faithful, thoughtful man has perished in the noonday of life, through the carelessness of another, or of others.

Yet his work, so apparently incomplete, has not been in vain. We will ever remember and emulate his fidelity to duty, his devotion to the interests of his calling, His work indeed *goes on.* Wherever that system of caution which he originated has been or shall be adopted, he will still continue to be a saviour of human life. This quiet, unpretentious, unobtrusive man, by his singleness of purpose, by his earnest devotion to duty, by his daily and worthy effort to excel in his calling, has won his way into the affections of hundreds, and built a monument for himself that shall abide through generations.

We are not wont, at funeral services, to dwell at length upon the virtues of the departed, but we feel that our fallen brother surely merits all that can be said. And will he not be remembered also *in the family circle* and *in the Church of Christ?* Yea verily. In the family circle, as a tender and loving husband, a wise and faithful counsellor, an affectionate and gentle father; in the Church of Christ as one who was not ashamed to acknowledge his faith and hope in the Crucified.

Here, after all, was the strength of this noble life. The truly just man will ever be a truly pious man. No just man will rob God of his dues; and God demands that while we love our neighbor as ourselves, we also love *Him* with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. Brother Heller was a Christian, and not ashamed to be known as such. The natural bravery with which he confronted danger must have received immense reinforcement from the hourly consciousness that he was the Lord's. That the end of earthly life, whenever and however it might come, would be the sure portal of a glorious and painless immortality.

If he was naturally kind of heart with all with whom he was thrown into contact, he was still more so when he remembered he was the sworn follower of him who went about doing good, and who says to all his followers "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Was he marked by justness in all his dealings? He was doubtless aided in all his actions here by remembering the divine admonition to "Render to all men their due" and to "Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

The equable temperament which he manifested was the product of other than earthly influences. It was the fulfillment of the promise "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Was he devoted to his calling. It was what might reasonably be expect-

ed of one who was familiar with the injunction "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," and "Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not to men."

Was he more than ordinarily thoughtful of the lives of others? Surely we do not err in attributing this largely to his sense of the exceeding value of that confided to his care. To the remembrance that the destiny of souls, as well as of bodies, was in a measure dependent upon his carefulness. To an unchristian man this would be a far less important consideration. The principles of the Christian Life were instilled into him in early youth and to these must be fairly ascribed a large and controlling influence in the upbuilding of the excellent character which he bore and which we remember with joy and comfort today.

And here, after all, is the strength and depth of our consolation. We sorrow not as those that have no hope. Poor consolation indeed were it for us, to dwell in memory upon all the other virtues our brother exemplified, if there were not added, to all the rest, our knowledge of his positive *Christian* character and the well founded hopes which he cherished as a believer in Christ Jesus. From the sphere of his labor on earth, he has passed to the realm of his reward in Heaven, *painfully* indeed, yet as he himself, we are told, had often wished, *speedily* and without the experience of lingering illness, was the transition made. Jesus has welcomed him to his eternal home.

Poor mutilated body, thou home no longer of his now freed and happy spirit, we now lay thee low in thy kindred dust, but it is with all the sweet hopefulness that our Savior has taught us to cherish. Thou shalt yet awake at the voice of thy Lord, no longer in deformity; with no trace of thy last sad earthly experience. Thou shalt arise as a tabernacle of surpassing beauty, the beauty of the Lord thy God shall be upon thee, thou shalt be fashioned like unto Christ's own glorious body, and be the investiture of our dear one forever. In thee shall he yet walk the hills and plains of immortality rejoicing in the mighty power and love of Him

"Who captive led captivity.
Who robbed the grave of victory,
And took the sting from death."

"Oh Death, where is thy sting! O Grave, where is thy victory!" "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

At the funeral service of brother George P. Heller, the pastor alone officiating, July 8th, the remarks were as follows:

The shadows of the recent catastrophe are still resting upon us, and instead of growing lighter, they have become heavier and darker still. Notwithstanding all that skillful effort, and devoted affection, and earnest prayer could do for him, brother Geo. P. Heller must needs follow brother Louis Heller into eternity. Together for many years in life, in death they were scarce divided, and in another and better world they are now reunited forever.

We do not live in a world of chance, but under the government of a wise and loving Creator. Not a child comes

to the birth without his will, not a soul is launched into eternity without his permissive providence.

Nor does he ever remove one comfort or stay from his people but that he furnishes another. Though he permit every other refuge and support to vanish, yet does he assure us that underneath us are the everlasting arms.

In the 57th verse of the 33rd chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy it is declared of the righteous:

"The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath thee are the everlasting arms."

It is the peculiar heritage of the people of God, that they have special comfort in affliction. "Comfort ye, Comfort ye, *my people*, saith our God."

To him who walks not in the ways of God, there are no permanent pleasures in ordinary daily life, and when sorrows come they come as desolations. They crush, they overwhelm the proud and haughty spirit that would not hitherto bow in humility before its God. But let sorrow, trial and bereavement overtake the child of God, and amid it all there is comfort, there is consolation. Our text speaks of God as the refuge and the support of his people. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath thee are the everlasting arms." Let us think of God as a refuge. A *real* refuge to his people. An *offered* refuge to such as will become his people.

You are out alone upon the mountains. A tempest is approaching. You are alarmed by its speed and by its violence. It seems to be sweeping everything before it. You look about you in terror for a hiding place from its fury. For a season you look in vain. But now, just as you are upon the verge of despair, you behold, in a huge rock, that lifts its giant head above your very pathway, a cleft that you may enter and be secure. In a moment you have entered and are safe. The storm sweeps over and flaps its dark wings above you—bears the torn limbs of forest monarchs away in its talons—but you are safe, safe!

So does the true believer find refuge in God. Great and terrible, unspeakably sad may be his afflictions, they may sweep across his pathway with a violence more awful than the breath of the tornado, but in God is his refuge, he shall not be greatly moved.

Christian character may waver momentarily before the blast, but it shall not be destroyed. The feet may well nigh slip before the violence of the tempest, but the refuge is nigh and known, and into it the soul will speed and find comfort. With David the soul will exclaim "O God, be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me." "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer."

Among the cities of Israel there were ten of special interest. They were cities of refuge into which sinful men might flee for refuge from the avenger. And so, from the storm of vengeance that might justly fall upon and overwhelm their guilty souls, may *even grossly sinful* men take refuge in God. "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." "The blood of Jesus Christ God's Son, cleanseth" those who come to him "from all sin," and "there is no condemnation," if we prove "faithful unto death." God in Christ is no more truly a *real* refuge for his acknowl-

dged people, than a provided refuge or all who *will come* to him.

But God is also represented here s *The Support* of his people. "Underneath thee are the Everlasting Arms." There is such a thing as he falling of a soul away from God. There is such a thing in the midst of trouble, as letting that trouble overwhelm and destroy the oul. But we look not for this among hose who are indeed and in truth the people of God. Real faith in God and Christ may be severely tried—but its trial will prove far more precious to he soul than the gold of earth that perishes, for it shall be "found unto praise and honor, and glory, at the coming of the Lord Jesus."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
He will not, he cannot desert to its foes."

This upholding power of God is most beautifully and strikingly illustrated n nature, where the eagles build their nests upon the beetling crags, and the parent bird, with outstretched pinions, swoops beneath, and saves from ruin on the rocks below, the timid fledgling that has tried its wings and found its strength to fail.

And when God's children find their strength to fail, when all earthly support proves insufficient, and they begin to fall, they realize the joy of the assurance "though they fall they shall not be utterly cast down," for underneath them, in mightier outreach than the stretch of eagle pinions, is the strength of the everlasting arms.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

Dear sorrowing ones in the Lord Jesus, awful as is your trial in this hour, cast your burden upon the Lord and he will sustain you. "The Eternal God is your Refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Dear sympathizing friends gathered in this house of mourning today, let God speak to you, as I can not. If yet in sin, Repent or you must perish. Believe and you shall be forgiven. Be faithful unto death and you shall be saved, wearing, in the Kingdom of Jesus, the crown of everlasting life.

At the services conducted for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fredericks, on the 22nd of September, the Pastor spoke as follows:

Alas my brother—Alas my sister! United tenderly in life, in death ye were not divided.

We gather about your still forms to day, in the solemn hush of this sad hour, and would fain pour into your ears the story of our deep sympathy for you—our sorrow for your tragic end. But no voice of ours can ever reach you now in your deep slumbers.

We fain would have you live on for a season upon earth to enjoy the well merited fruits of patient effort—but your joys to day and henceforth forever are not in the things of earthly life.

How helpless are we in our grief. We can only gather about you in mute sorrow, bear your loved forms to

their rest on the hillside, and return with sad hearts to the tasks of life in which we can touch hands with you no more.

"O for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still!"

But there is yet a voice that all the living may hear. It is the voice of our God. A voice that recognizes at once our sense of bewilderment at this visitation of his Providence, and the craving of our hearts for fuller, clearer light—"What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter;" words recorded in the Seventh verse of the Thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. It is strange to us all, and perhaps ever will be, in this life, why so awful a disaster should have been permitted to occur at all. Why some who might have taken that fatal train were led to a different decision—and why others, not without vague forebodings of danger, still entered upon it. Why some of these escaped, while others perished in the twinkling of an eye. Why, among the latter, should have been taken away some of the very worthiest men and women of our town. And why among these, there should be some of the most excellent members of a congregation that has just been so sorely smitten by the loss of two others, and that through a railroad accident on the same road and almost at the same spot.

But though strange and unaccountable to us, it is all plain in the sight of God. Without his notice no sparrow ever fell, and he has his own wise purposes to subserve, not only in the entire occurrence itself, but in every most mysterious particular—purposes that stand, moreover, in the most close and intimate relation to the wellfare of humanity. We may not understand his meaning, but he has a meaning still; and though it be not known to us now, it shall be known hereafter. Let us remember that the plans of the Lord of heaven and earth are too far reaching for us to presume to understand them in the light of particular and isolated events—without a clear revelation respecting them from the Lord himself. Those plans reach onward through all time—yea, they embrace all eternity itself within their scope.

"You go into the workshop of a great artist who is framing some great structure. You see here a stone of peculiar color; there a stone of another color; here one of this—there one of that, angle. You would not say to that artist—you had better take this stone or that stone next, but you would submit to his superior wisdom, silently watching his work. He sees the whole of the structure as it stands complete before his mind. What do you know or can you know of the whole plan? Those few stones that you see, can give you but the most imperfect conception of the cathedral in which they are to be placed.

In Gods providence let us submit our judgment to the superior wisdom of the great Architect. He takes from the earth one man and leaves another. We are amazed and cannot understand it — for we know not the plan that lies in the mind of God." Sometimes we are led to see, even in this life, a part of God's thoughtfulness of us in even the darkest of his dealings with us. Jacob at one time cried out in agony—"Joseph is not and Simeon is not, and ye will

sake Benjamin away also. All these things are against me." And so indeed it seemed. Yet he was permitted to see, before the end of his pilgrimage had come, how all these things had been for him—for his good—and he blesses God for these very things that once had well nigh broken his heart.

Let us have no fear but that either in time, or in eternity, we will have a satisfactory solution of the mystery of this calamity. When these words were spoken to the disciple of old they were intended to quell a rising spirit, within him, of rebellion against the will of his Lord. They were a divine appeal to him to trust his whole case into the hands of the Master, submitting to be dealt with as Jesus would. And they come, as re-echoed here today, as a similar appeal to us. Let us heed and obey. The Lord knoweth best, and let us say with his servant of old "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him!"

It is needless that I should dwell at length upon the pleasing virtues of our friends who have been taken away. To the most, if not all of you, they were well known. The husband, active, energetic, and social—kind in the family circle and to all worthy ones who were in need—a man of strictest integrity, of persistent devotion to his calling—one whose friendship was to be valued, and who was universally respected and esteemed. One who tried to do well whatever he undertook, and who was meeting every day with increasing success.

And the wife, a lady of quiet and unobtrusive demeanor, happy in her home and in her husband's love, yet ready at all times to lend a helping hand to every worthy enterprise; for years a member of the Christian Church and rejoicing in the hope of salvation through the love of that Redeemer who has called her to his bosom.

And now, my hearers, the time for all of us is short. It remains for each one therefore, to use this world as not abusing it. To employ the passing moments so that we may meet our Lord with joy and not with grief. Let us seek anew the cleansing away of all our sins in his precious blood, cast ourselves, in this and every trial, upon his strong arm for support, and look forward, with a confidence that no earthly trial can overcome, to a blessed home in heaven above, from which we shall go no more out forever.

Rev. Theodore Stevens, Pastor of the Methodist Church of this city, then offered the following remarks of comfort, and the services at the house were concluded with prayer by Rev. Dr. C. A. Hay, of Gettysburg.

A distinguished French statesman gave expression to a sentiment that has crystalized into an aphorism: "It is the unexpected that happens."

What a signal confirmation of this was the frightful calamity of last Friday evening on the Reading Railroad at Shoemakersville, that swept so many of our prominent citizens into eternity. In our dazed condition we can scarcely realize the actuality of this crushing affliction; yet the fact of the closing of the places of business, and this multitudinous outpouring of the people, evidences that it is not wholly morbid curiosity that actuates them; but as well respect for the deceased, and sympathy for the surviving.

This calamity has fallen, not alone upon the families bereaved, and the particular Church smitten, but the entire community feels keenly the shock and is desirous of giving same expression to the profound sense of loss and and sorrow.

Where can we look for help and consolation while under the pall of so mysterious a dispensation? This is a Christian home, where the light of the Gospel shines through the oppressive darkness, and we hear the Master saying: "What I do, thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." God's providence is universal. It embraces the calamities as well as the blessings of our experience. And though, in our limitation and ignorance, we cannot unravel the dark mysteries, we know that God is our Heavenly Father, "too wise to err, and too good to be unkind," and therefore with Paul, say "We *know* that all things work together for good to them that love God."

This assurance is adapted to bring submission to His ordering, not because it is inevitable, but because it is best. We are acquainted with the Author of the Bible, and are assured that unerring wisdom, and boundless love dominate all His dealings with us. Then how consoling to the crushed and bleeding heart of the Daughter, to welcome the Christian truth that God's providence causes or permits even the seemingly disastrous events of life, overruling them for the final and eternal blessedness of those "who die in the Lord," and the betterment of survivors by drawing them to him "who healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds," and hallows all with the Christian hope of reunion in the golden future, where there shall be "no more death," but eternal felicity in that Presence where "there is fullness of joy, and pleasure forever more."

In the late home of brother Edward Fox and Wife, on the 22nd of September, the Pastor made the following address:

Oh the infinite pity of it, as viewed from our human standpoint, that this wave of desolation should have swept over this once happy home. That this noble brother, a very prince among his fellows, in the midst of a remarkably successful career, in the vigor of manhood and the prospect of years of increasing usefulness, should have suddenly perished from the earth.

That the wife of his bosom, the mother of his family, should have fallen a victim to the same awful disaster, and by his very side.

That upon the hearts of their dear children, in the morning of life, should be laid the burden of a grief too deep for words, and too heavy for any to bear, save in the strength of the Lord Almighty.

But thank God we have every assurance that there is a Providential government over the affairs of men which, though it encompasses the earth, is not unmindful of the least of those within it. And that that government stands especially pledged to bring good out of evil in the experience of all them that love him.

"Clouds and darkness" may be "round about him, but righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne"—and "I had rather walk in

he dark with God than walk alone in the light."

Brother Fox was gifted by nature with a kindly heart. And he did not repress but encouraged these impulses. Arising, by his own efforts and the blessing of God, from very humble circumstances himself, he had true sympathy for all who were struggling onward, and he helped many upward. And though some took base advantage of this at times, it did not make him less considerate of cases of real need. There were others too, and their name is legion, who knew how to appreciate his kindness, and will never forget it. He has builded in the hearts of such a monument more enduring than brass. There was many a strong man who bowed his head and wept when the name of Edward Fox was found in the dread death-list. He was as tender-hearted as any woman could be, and yet there was not a trace of the effeminate in his constitution. Nature could stand up and say to all the world—this is a man. Uniformly and strikingly courteous toward all, there was nothing of obsequiousness in his bearing toward any. While according to all others their rights, he was not readily shaken in his own convictions, or slow to express them when occasion called for it. There was the ring of a straightforward manliness in his every utterance, bespeaking a well founded self-respect that commanded the involuntary respect of others.

He was gifted moreover with a discerning mind, whose faculties, amid the duties of a very active life, he strove, and not in vain, to develop by constant cultivation—rising rapidly in the esteem of his associates, and from one position of usefulness to other and greater ones.

He was a man too, of the strictest integrity and promptitude in the discharge of every trust. It was a matter of conscience with him to meet every obligation as it fell due. To withhold payment from an employee a day beyond the promised time, was in his eyes little better than outright robbery itself.

He was a wise and affectionate father. He surrounded his family, without stint, with all that could render home attractive, and was duly concerned for their mental and spiritnal culture.

But above all these, he was a true Christian, aud impressed with a sense of his stewardship. And his worth in this respect was duly recognized by all of good judgment among us. He was a member of the Church Council, one of its three Trustees, and the Treasurer of the congregation. In none of these positions did he shirk the performance of any duty that devolved upon him. And by general consent, among these associates, was he accorded the position of leadership. It was granted without the asking, and held without arrogance. He was chosen also in our Synodical convention as one whose counsel would be valued in the interests of our higher educational work. The everlastingly-to-be-regretted decision not to accompany his pastor to the meeting of Synod now in session, was reached out of consideration for the wellfare of the congregation. It was not because he thought too lightly, but too highly, of the importance of the honor tendered. Knowing he could remain but a day or two, if he went at all, he preferred

that another should take the place who could stay longer, and thus prove of more service to the cause.

But his earthly career is now finished and he has entered upon the higher activities in which he shall honor his God forever.

We are doubly afflicted here today. The remnant of this family mourns the loss not only of a father's strong guardianship, but of a mother's tender care. Oh, how strong the ties of affection that have been here so sadly severed! And how bright the hopes and prospects that have been so suddenly shattered!

I see this mother, once an instructor of the children of others, using her developed capacities in enlarging the mental equipment of her children. I see her rejoicing in spirit over the additional comforts which her husband's increasing success enabled her to afford them. Again, I see her anxious to enter with them this beautiful home, and yet, while bending every energy to prepare for the transition, employing her hands also in assisting a passing public enterprise.

Then the clouds begin to gather—the children are under the power of a dread disease—one suffering when they enter this home, then both the others prostrated—then the husband reduced to helplessness with a broken limb—and amid all the cares and trials thus imposed, I see her struggling on bravely, tenderly and sleeplessly watching by the side of her dear ones, and constantly cheering them with the hope of brighter days to come. I see in time the dawning of these days. The children restored—the father arising from sufferings which he had borne with remarkable fortitude—and gratefully planning the pleasures and benefits of travel, so soon as business interests would permit, for her who had exhausted her energies in ministering to his necessities.

To narrow minded people, who associate only the idea of *pleasure-seeking* with travel, these friends may have seemed unusually, if not inordinately fond of it. But there is a higher culture that it ministers to man, and I know that it was very largely *this* that they coveted. Brother Fox was among the number of the noble ones who stood undaunted, in earlier years, among the ranks of the nation's defenders. His thoughts have largely dwelt, in after years, upon the issues of that great conflict. It was as no mere pleasure seeker that he has been treading, in recent months, the ground made sacred and memorable by the varied engagements in that great conflict. His mind was employed in meditation, and his heart was cultured to higher inspiration—yea, it dawns upon us, as we think upon it, that he *might* have had dreams of qualifying himself for positions of greater usefulness in the state and nation. There have been many lifted to such stations from humbler planes of life than that on which he walked—who would appear as intellectual pigmies by the side of the mental stature our fallen brother had already attained.

And in all these inspirations, whatever they may have been, the wife of his bosom must needs be a participant. He was not one who would selfishly grasp benefits which she could not share. Nor could any observing friend have failed to be struck with the transformation of her life under these genial influences. These were treas-

ures of peculiar wealth which they well understood that their children would insensibly share. They would bring an atmosphere into the family circle that would imperceptibly yet inevitably refine and invigorate it. And who doubts that the impress of all this is upon these children to-day? And that, if faithful to the memory and example of their dear ones, they will walk worthily in the path of life? That great as is their loss to-day, they are yet rich in the memory of a parentage of peculiar worth?

And this mother, thank God, was a *Christian* too. Holding many positions of usefulness and trust in various organizations within our congregation —always ready, energetic and sprightly—like her husband, ever kind and considerate to her pastor, and standing faithfully by him in his enterprises for the wellfare of Zion. But I cannot speak of these things. My heart is too full. I hear a voice from Heaven saying, "Write, blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth,—yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D., of Gettysburg, immediately followed with remarks and prayer. Singularly enough, his mind had been dwelling, as he journeyed thither in response to our telegram, upon the same words of the Master that had formed the basis of our brief remarks at the preceding service—"What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

A few fragmentary notes of what he had thought to say are all that we have been able to secure. They are as follows:

What a fearful cloud is hanging over us now! A terrible calamity has befallen us. We are overwhelmed with sorrow. Our hearts melt within us, and are yearning in sympathy for the many families, here and elsewhere, that have been so suddenly, so frightfully stricken.

I can scarcely trust myself to speak on this occasion. Brother Fox and his good wife have on several occasions visited my home—were there within the last two weeks. I went with them over the battle-field, and was pleased with the deep interest they took in every portion of it. And the better I knew this brother, the more was I struck with the clearness and grasp of his mind, and the varied graces of his character.

Sometimes it seems as if we were all dreaming; as if it could not be that all this were really true.

But alas, it is only too true—a mournful *fact*. And the sad duty now devolves upon us to bear these precious remains to their last earthly resting place.

And now what should be the spirit in which we perform this duty? There is some danger of our making a mistake here. We are in the habit, when anything occurs that specially interests us, of asking "How did it happen?" If it be a painful or distressing occurrence, we often find a measure of relief if we can discover at least a plausible explanation of it, if we can discover some responsible party upon whom we can lay the blame, or even if we can see how some unintentional error occasioned its occurrence.

In the present case, however, even

this slight satisfaction seems to be denied us. There was no engineer asleep at his post, no misplaced switch, no train running out of time and in violation of the rules. The event seems clearly to come under that class usually described as "purely accidental" —one of those in which no blame can properly be laid to the charge of any of the employees of the road. *

Your pastor has just spoken, upon a similar occasion, of the words of Christ which seem as though especially intended to comfort human hearts amid such otherwise inexplicable events. "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

It is true, these words were not uttered by our Savior after the occurence of a great calamity. Just the opposite. They were spoken at a feast, at the Passover festival, during the administration of the Holy Supper. He rose from the table, took a towel and girded himself, and began to wash the feet of his disciples, an office usually performed by the humblest servants of the household.

It seemed to Peter altogether wrong, and he would fain have resisted the Master. But Jesus said "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." That explanation is soon afforded by the Lord himself, who reveals that he designed it as a lesson of humility and usefulness.

But underneath that the great thought of God seems to be, to rebuke a precipitate judgment concerning events that seem to us inconsistent with our own ideas of how things ought to be.

We have many instances in Holy Scripture of such hasty judgments, that were afterwards corrected in the further developments of divine Providence.

Let us believe that behind this frowning Providence God hides a smiling face. Be thankful, bereaved friends, that you sorrow not to day as those who have no hope, but as those whose loss is the eternal gain of the dear ones now passed on before you to their happy heavenly home. Be thankful, dear children, for the memory of such excellent Christian parentage. Emulate their many virtues—strive to walk in their footsteps as they walked in those of the Savior, and you will be comforted in life's sorrows, sustained under life's burdens, and be with your loved ones at last in joy forever.

* A fuller knowledge of facts at a later day led to the fixing of a measure of responsibility upon an employee.

Tribute to Brother Edward Fox.

At a special meeting of the Council of the English Lutheran Church, held Sept. 25th, 1890, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, In the recent railroad disaster at Shoemakersville, Pa,, Sept. 19th, 1890, which has brought sorrow to so many homes, the hand of our Heavenly Father has removed one of the members of this Church Council, Brother Edward Fox; therefore

Resolved, That we recognize, amid our sorrow, the right of the Creator to call this dear friend away from his earthly home, and that we bow humbly to His will, assured that His purposes in this dispensation are both wise and good.

Resolved, That we bear united testimony to the true Christian character of our brother, and our sense of a

great loss in his removal. That, in his death, we are called upon to part with a co-worker greatly beloved and admired for his excellent qualities of heart and mind, his exemplary demeanor, his devotion to the interests of this congregation and our Church at large, and his promptness and fidelity in the discharge of special responsibilities as a Trustee and as Treasurer of our Zion.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his afflicted family, and assure them of our earnest prayers, that the God of all grace may abundantly sustain and comfort them.

TOPICS AND LEADERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

Oct. 26.—Called of God. 1 Samuel iii: 1—15.
J. I. SAUL.

Nov. 2.—Sowing the Seed. Luke viii: 4—9.
REV. E. G. HAY.

" 9.—Warning. Jeremiah xvii: 1—11.
TO BE SUPPLIED.

" 16.—Liberty of the Gospel. Galatians v: 1.
S. M. ENTERLINE.

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SEPT. 12.
Mrs. Sophia McDaniel.
SEPT. 19.
Miss S. Josephine Keer.
SEPT. 22.
Mr. J. E. Fredericks.
Mrs. J. E. Fredericks.
Mr. Edward Fox.
Mrs. Edward Fox.
OCT. 4.
Mrs. Mary Koch.

RENEWED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mrs. Frank Spohn.
Mrs. J. E. Cake.—for two years.

GOD IS LOVE.

Oh, the height and depth, the length and breadth of our Heavenly Father's love! Who can comprehend it? From the day, when the Creator placed man in Eden's garden and pronounced the whole work of His hands very good, until now when nearly six thousand years have rolled away, He has been watching with infinite tenderness and wonderful compassion, those whom He created in His own likeness. The divine image was broken, indeed, by man's disobedience, but the loving heart of the Heavenly Father, yearning for the salvation of His children, had already provided an atonement, so costly, so vast, that when the day of its offering would come, the sun should veil its brightness and the earth tremble to its foundations. Jesus, His only begotten, well beloved Son, should be the Lamb for the sacrifice on that great Day of Atonement.

Have you ever doubted His love? Turn to His holy Word and listen to His pleadings and observe His dealings with His people Israel. Leading them Himself, from the land of their captivity; guiding them, by day, with the Pillar of Cloud; at night, by the Pillar of Fire; giving them bread from Heaven to eat in the desolate wilderness, and crowning their wanderings with a happy entrance into beautiful Canaan, the Land of Promise. Though they oft murmured and rebelled, yet He forgave them, and in the succeeding ages, when the hearts of many became more and more estranged from Him who said "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," we hear Him pleading: "O my people, what have I done unto thee, and wherein have I

wearied thee? Testify against me." Wonderful love! The mighty Creator, entreating His thoughtless, ungrateful creatures to return to His sheltering arms, with the assurance, "I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgression for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." But the human heart is full of pride and heeds not the cry, "Why will ye die, thou and thy people!" and over their anguished spirits is breathed in pitying tones "O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."

It was man's own act that caused suffering and death to enter the bright world God created. And justly might He have permitted him to bear the burden without one ray of cheer; but looking down from His great white throne, and beholding the aching hearts and falling tears of His children whom He has seen fit to chasten and afflict, He places about them the arms of everlasting love and pours sweet words of comfort, like Balm of Gilead into their troubled souls; "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flames kindle upon thee." "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness;" and the Savior's loving voice is heard, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, purging away the dross of our lives until His own image is again reflected there.

Shall we murmur if many sorrows and trials be ours to endure? Would that we might realize more fully, that from the City eternal, whither our loved ones have gone, a loving Father is waiting to comfort and sustain us and a Savior who wept o'er the tomb of a beloved friend, when He trod earth's thorny pathway, shares our grief as He softly, sweetly whispers, "My grace is sufficient for thee and my strength shall be made perfect in thy weakness." Those who surround God's throne are 'they which have come up out of great tribulation.'

Never shall we be able fully to comprehend the magnitude of our Heavenly Father's love, but trusting His Word even amid earth's deepest woes, exclaiming as did His servant of old, "I know that my Redeemer liveth;"—"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him," we shall be gathered at last into the rest that remaineth to the people of God, in the home where "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." A MEMBER.

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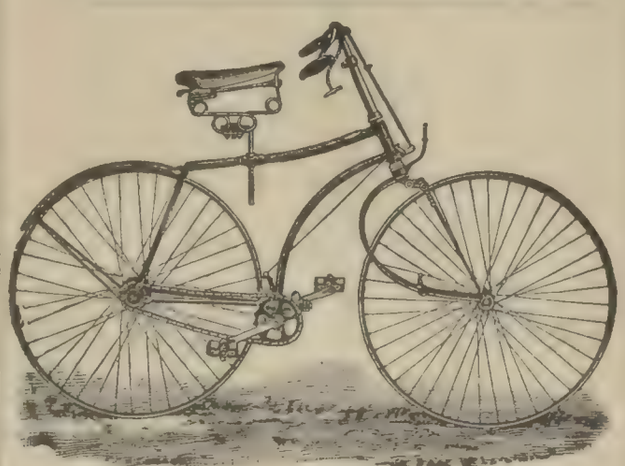

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With our next issue, The English Lutheran enters upon its fifth year. It has been most abundantly demonstrated that there is a place for such a publication among us—a sphere of great usefulness which it may modestly fill. Nor can we complain that it has not been well sustained. The most of our advertisers have been with us from almost the first issue, the Ladies' Sewing Circle has faithfully and patiently assembled month after month to do their part in folding and sewing its pages, and a large number of our people have annually been enrolled upon its *subscription list.*

And now a word as to the latter. We wish to present, if possible, in our next number, a full list of all subscribers for 1891. In order to accomplish this most raedily and successfully we have called to our assistance the activity of master Robbie Weston. He is now canvassing for subscribers and is meeting with the success that usually attends him in anything he undertakes.

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When the pastor reaps some advantage and comfort at the same time, as he has by the introduction of the electric light in the parsonage by means of this fund last year, he does not of course complain. But this is a permanent and great improvement also to the Church property, whose future pastors will reap the benefit as well as he. How any surplus may be directed in the near future we have no means of knowing.

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ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTION OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of East Pennsylvania was held in Zion Lutheran Church, Lebanon, September 24th and 25th, 1890. The attendance was larger than at any previous meeting, the roll showing forty-eight delegates and a number of visitors, representing thirty-three Societies.

The Convention was saddened by the loss of two efficient officers, Miss E. C. Ruthrauff, late President, and Mrs. M. E. Alstead, late Corresponding Secretary. On Thursday afternoon appropriate tributes were rendered to their memory. The death of one of the appointed delegates, Mrs. Edward Fox, of Pottsville, added to the sorrow. Still the mercies vouchsafed to the living, the success of the past year's work, and the harmonious sessions of the Society, called forth the gratitude of its members.

Rev. H. H. Weber, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, gave a glowing account of the Women's Missions lately visited in the West.

Dr. Anna S. Kugler sketched graphically the India district, described the work of the Woman's Society, made evident the great moral change in the natives produced by Christianity, and urged increased effort for the field white unto harvest.

A suggestive paper on "Promptness in Mission Work" was read, "A Society in Session" presented, and various items of business discussed.

The reports of the officers showed progress. The Synodical Society is composed of fifty-one Auxiliaries, containing 1482 members. The contributions during the past year, including balance in the treasury, amounted to $1294.65. The number of *Journals* taken was 1138.

The Committee on Organization of New Societies and the Literatnre Committee reported earnest work.

The objects to which special attention was called were, at home, the Sacramento Mission, and, abroad, the Zenana Home to be built at Narasarowpet.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the coming year.

President—Miss Rebecca Gordon, Lionville.

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When the triumphant King of Day has opened wide the portals of morning and flooded the earth with his golden light, there ascends to the heavenly hills, a majestic song of adoration and praise to the mighty Creator and Preserver of the Universe. Tis then the heart of man, filled with rejoicing, breaks forth in sublime worship as the earthly "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!" mingles with the heavenly hallelujahs.

The day wears on and while the fires of devotion still burn upon the altars, the rush and whirl of life's many cares have subdued but not silenced the grand chorus of morning.

Evening time draws near. The glowing sun prepares to veil his brightness from the children of men, and as he slowly withdraws through the western portals of the sky, there breaks upon the view, a vision of unequalled beauty as though the very gates of Paradise had opened before the watcher's eyes. A hush falls upon the earth, "for the night is coming when man's work is done." Now the lofty strains of the morning worship are replaced by the soft, sweet music of the evening hymn, rising like fragrant incense to the skies, and there ascends to the loving heavenly Father, the tender pleading prayer,

"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide."

Lo, the evening light has come and as it fades in the distance Heaven seems very near.

Reader, your life is one long day. Has the glorious Sun of Righteousness yet dawned upon it? Life's morning is full of promise and though filled with peace and joy, though the pathway be illumined with radiant hope, the noontide may find "the tempest clothing that same path in night." Happy is he who then can fly to the Rock of Ages and hide until the storm of life is past; for the storm must cease because "at evening time it shall be light."

Soon will the evening time appear; and as the soft shades of the twilight of life's fast setting day, fall upon the ransomed spirit as it leaves the frail tenement of dust, to dwell in the mansion in our Father's house, which Jesus has gone to prepare, through the gates of beautiful Zion will flow a stream of heavenly light, banishing forever, earth's darkest shadows and revealing the city beyond which has "no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine on it," for "the Lamb is the light thereof." And when in that celestial city we behold, face to face, the Light of the World, then will the promise, indeed, be fulfilled, "At evening time, it shall be light."

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ANOTHER SUCCESS.

Our Musical Entertainment and Sociable in our Church and Lecture Room, on the evening of the Third of November, was a success in every particular. There was a large and attentive audience, the selections were well chosen and finely rendered, and the after festivities in the Lecture Room were a pleasure to young and old.

As the price of admission was but small, we did not expect to reap a large financial harvest, and were therefore more than pleased to learn that after the meeting of all expenses, the sum of $68.50 remained as an offering to our Church Improvement Fund. Though the Ladies of the Sewing Circle had a busy evening in satisfying the demands for Ice Cream, Cakes, Fruit, Candy and Flowers, they are perfectly willing to try again.

The piano used on the occasion was kindly furnished by Mr. Hulett without charge. The programme was as follows :

Organ Voluntary, "Dona Novis," from Farmer's Mass. MRS. G. M. RISHEL.

Violin Solo. Prize song from "The Master Singers. *Wagner—Wilhelmj.*

PROF. FRED. GERHARD.

Accompanied by Miss Dolly Cake.

Piano Solo. The Storm at Sea.

MISS ELSIE GEIER.

Violin Solo.

a } Petit. Fragment De Sonate.
b } Petit. Etude Chantante.

MISS ELLA DEISHER.

Accompanied by Miss Jennie Conrad.

Duet. "Raise me Jesus to Thy bosom."

MISS ELSIE GEIER and MISS EMMA DEFREHN.

Solo. "Not a Sparrow Falleth," *Gilbert.*

MRS. C. T. BROWN.

Violin Solo. "Boquet." *De Beriot.*

PROF. FRED. GERHARD.

Accompanied by Miss Dolliy Cake.

Piano Solo. La Marche des Tambours. *Sidney Smith.*

MISS TENIE TOUSSAINT.

Anthem. O Praise the Mighty God. *Emerson.*

BY THE CHOIR.

DEDICATION AT ALLENTOWN.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., Rev. C. E. Hay, pastor, was dedicated to the worship of God. Services were held morning, afternoon and evening. The principal sermon of the occasion was preached by Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D., pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Philadelphia.

Evening services were conducted the same week, as follows :

Monday, Rev. Dr. T. C. Billheimer, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa., and Chaplain of 4th Regiment, 3rd Brigade N. G. P.

Tuesday, Rev. C. R. Trowbridge, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Easton, Pa.

Wednesday, Service of Song. Rev. R. H. Clare, pastor of Lutheran Church, Sciota, Pa., and President of Easton Conference.

Thursday, Rev. W. H. Dunbar, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Lebanon, Pa., and President of East Penna. Synod.

The new Church is said to be one of

the neatest in point of architecture in Allentown, and is erected at Tenth and Maple Streets, in a section of the city that has grown greatly in recent years, and which had no church. St. Matthew's is the fourth child of the mother church, St. Paul's, whose history dates back to 1762, when James Allen founded Allentown.

We have been gratified to receive several contributions for these pages from a member of our congregation. The article upon the light at eventide is from the same source. Let others follow the example. Many of our readers can write well and should use their talents.

How will our Sunday School work prosper through the winter? Teachers, the answer is largely in your hands. You have a superintendent who stands by the work in rain or shine. Ought you not to be ashamed to do less. Be regularly in your place on the Sabbath and visit your scholars socially during the week.

Rev. J. C. Trauger, the newly installed pastor of Minersville and Tremont, gave us the pleasure recently, of a half-day's visit. Hope he may come again and stay longer. We learn from him that he resides in Tremont, and from others that he has made an excellent beginning in his work. There is no reason why a good man taking hold of this field and *remaining in it* should not reap a harvest of souls. Few things are so hurtful to a congregation as short pastorates.

Though it didn't rain preachers last week, Rev. Trauger was not the only clerical brother who dropped in on us. Here came Rev. I. P. Zimmerman of Mahanoy City, whose work at home is still proceeding quietly and prosperously, and scarcely has he left our coasts until Rev. W. H. Lewars of Annville appeared upon the scene. He was the happiest of the three, for he was accompanied by his sprightly wife —who is a daughter of Rev. Daniel Steck, the founder of our congregation.

Those who think of ministers as men who have lost all interest in everything earthly, will probably think these meetings of little consequence to us. But they are spots of special brightness in our lives upon which we love to dwell in after thought and for which we give thanks to God. It means much to renew the acquaintance of former days, to come in closer contact, though but for a season, with others whom we love in the Lord and whose hearts are warm in the same great work of winning souls for Christ.

TOPICS AND LEADERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

Nov. 23.—Repentance. Luke xiii: 2-6
J. H. Helwig.

" 30.—Humility in God's Service. 1 Peter v: 6.
E. J. Skelly.

Dec. 7.—A Wise Choice. 1 Kings iii: 9.
H. P. Nagle.

" 14.—Safety of such who Trust in God. Psalm 125.
H. S. Sterner.

" 21.—Christ's Coming. Micah v: 2.
J. I. Saul.

" 28.—Saved by Grace. Ephesians ii: 5.
G. C. Welker.

PURPOSE IN LIFE.

To many life is but a succession of days, duties and enjoyments, not bound together with a plan, a purpose. To all such, life is dull, poor, fruitless, distracted; it is a bundle of sticks falling apart. The lesson of Christ's life is saying to them "seek a plan!" Even a child may have such a path marked out before it; and every day may be an advance along that path; he may be saying each day, "What shall I do to amuse myself to-day, to have a good time; where shall I get a new plaything?" or he may say, "To day I am to obey the best I can, to learn my lesson as well as possible; and then that child has got something of the movement, the independence, the joyful earnestness, of Christ's great life. Even a sick one may bring something of the current of Christ's life into the dull weariness of the sick-room, by saying, "Let me be more cheerful and patient and bright for my fellowmen than yesterday."

But if we would have the movement, the directness, the independence of Christ's life, we must have his conviction of having gotten our work, our purpose in life, from God, and not having chosen it for ourselves. It is God's providence which puts us into our true work. And when a man has settled down to the one aim of life, when he has got his course, he has with it, if he be a Christian, a deep sense that God has given him his work. This is clear to him, although he may not be able to show it to others.

But now, when men think of their life-work, how few think that God has set them any direction in the home, in the Church of their birth and heritage. What wonder that men go drifting across the sea when they begin by shutting their eyes to every indication that God's homely providence has marked for them. We are all too much set on choosing our duties and too little ready to believe that God has already chosen them for us. But no life can have the true movement of advance, of independence, of self-poise, which does not feel the propulsion of Divine direction.

It is a humble way of life to have God choose for us. If we could choose, we should always choose great and shining things. But God knows best and if once we can know that our path is given by him, then come the greatness and joy that always come with the clear doing of God's will; then we have a life like Christ's, a life like a strong stream, ever moving, ever widening, never ceasing until it finds the eternal sea. C. A. S.

PROCESSION OF LUTHERANS.

If all the Lutheran Christians of the world would be called together into a Pan-Lutheran-Convention there would be a population of them of a little over fifty millions. They would come from every country of Europe, from many parts of Asia and Africa, from the Islands of the Sea, and from North and South America. They would speak every civilized tongue and dialect of the world and could boast of more books written and more colleges and universities founded than any other denomination of Christians on the face of the earth. Were they to form themselves into a procession, ten abreast, and walk rapidly from

sunrise to sunset of each day, it would take them just about one year till all the great host had passed one given point.—*Rev. P. C. Oroll.*

WELCOME OUR SECRETARY.
Aid His Endeavors.

Wm. L. Anderson, formerly of the Philadelphia Y. M. C. A., and General Secretary of the Media, Pa., Association for nearly two years, has been engaged by the Board of Managers of the Pottsville Association, as their General Secretary, in order that this organization may become a permanent factor in our town, and do a definite and judicious work for our large number of young men.

Their plan is to furnish the young men reading room, library, gymnasium, educational classes, concerts, plain talks, amusements and religious gatherings, if any considerable number of men show a desire to take advantage of these privileges by joining the Association.

All of our young men will be approached, and asked to become members.

Let those of our Church, and the community at large, encourage this worthy movement by connecting themselves with this valuable auxiliary of Christ's Church.

The Ladies of the Sewing Circle have been accumulating some funds for the purpose of introducing steam heat into the Church property. They have kindly given Council the use of this money until the not distant date when they can devote it to the purpose for which it was originally secured.

At a congregational meeting, held October 20th, brother P. K. Filbert, D. D. S., was elected an Elder, and brother Valentine Stichter Treasurer. At the following meeting of Council, November 6th, brother S. M. Enterline, Esq., was chosen as a Trustee. The three positions had all been held hitherto by our lamented brother, Edward Fox.

We have learned of the organization of a new Literary Society in the congregration, but have not yet been officially informed of the actual title adopted or charter membership secured.

The Council acknowledges with thanks the gift, to the Church Improvement Fund, by the other Literary Society, of the entire amount in its treasury.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

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Nov. 3.

Mr. Albert F. Shappell.
Miss Alma Dull.

BURIED.

Oct. 16.

Mr. Joseph Derr.

Nov. 3.

Miss Dollie Krohmer.

The next meeting of Lebanon Conference will be held at Shenandoah, from the 24th to the 27th of November. We will hold our sessions in the Lutheran Church, of which the Rev. D. B. Treibly is pastor.

Another Musical Entertainment is one of the probabilities of the near future.

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Meetings the First Wednesday Evening of each month in Church parlor.

President, Mrs A. B. Cochran.
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Meetings for practice every Friday Evening at 7.30.

Leader Dr. P. K. Filbert.
Organist, - Mrs. G. M. Rishel.

OTHER MEMBERS—FIFTEEN.

Womens' Missionary Society.

Organized December 1, 1886.

Meetings the Last Wednesday Evening of each month. Regular dues according to voluntary pledges.

President, Miss Katie Dentzer
Vice President, Mrs. Thomas Geier.
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Rec. Secretary,
Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Hill.

OTHER MEMBERS—TWENTY-SEVEN.

Children's Missionary Society.

Organized November 13, 1881.

Annual Meetings.

Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized December 15, 1886.

Meeting on the Second and Third Wednesday of each month. Regular dues, Ten Cents a month.

President, Miss C. Schrader.
Sec'y and Treas., Miss L. Schrader.

OTHER MEMBERS—THIRTY-SIX.

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Organized, November 27, 1887. Meetings the Second and Fourth Saturday Afternoons of each month, at 2.30. in the Infant Room.

President, Miss Mollie Sterner.
V. President, Mrs. E. G. Hay.
Secretary, Miss Emma Reed.
Treasurer, Miss Nellie Mortimer.
Organist, Miss Jennie Conrad.

OTHER MEMBERS—FORTY.

Young Men's Christian Association.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 9, 1887.

Regular Meetings for business the Second Wednesday Evening of every month at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor.

Young People's Meeting under the auspices of this Association every Sunday Evening at 6.30. All who come will be cordially welcomed.

Organist, Miss Laura Moser.

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Joint Meetings with the Association monthly on the Second Wednesday Eveniug of each month.

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Secretary, Mrs. E. Reichert.

OTHER MEMBERS—SIXTY.

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Middle Ward:—Mrs. Edward Reichard, with Mrs. C. Dimmick, Mrs. C. Wiederhold, Mrs. M. B. Bell, Mrs. A. Risheill, Mrs. G. H. Dentzer and Miss Eva Dengler.

North-West Ward:—Mrs. F. C. Currier, with Mrs. A. Schock, Mrs. J. Brownmiller and Mrs. D. Christian.

South-East Ward:—Mrs. John Conrad, with Mrs. G. C. Welker, Miss Lidie Crosland and Mrs. A. Billington.

North-East Ward:—Mrs. H. H. Hill with Mrs. L. F. Heller, Mrs. Charles Snyder, Mrs. Geo. Rishel, Sr., and Mrs. O. P. Witman.

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REGULAR SERVICES.

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Morning Service at 10.30.

Sabbath School at 2 P. M.

Young People's Meeting at 6.30 P.M.

Teachers' meeting, conducted by the Superintendent, on Tuesday evening at 7.30.

Prayer meeting, conducted by the Pastor, on Thursday evening at 7.30.

Evening Service at 7.30.

Women's Missionary Meeting the last Wednesday of each month.

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READ YOUR SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Minutes of our late convention of Synod should be carefully read by all our membership. We note among other items of interest, the following:

Four new congregations were received into the Synod and five new Stations were established during the year. Twenty-Six new Prayer-Meetings were reported. We have Thirty-Six Students for the Ministry. There were 1915 Catecheumens—or 317 more than the year before. There were 2613 New Members received into the Churches. Improvements in Church Buildings added $148,240 to their value—the properties now embraced within our territory aggregating in value $1,349,890.

Our Sunday Schools have now 19,836 Scholars or 1277 more than one year ago. Their contributions amount to $14763.22, an improvement over the last year of $2,698,68.

Our Women's Missionary Societies gave $2230.20, an increase for the year, of $236. The total contributions of the Synod for objects included in the apportionment was $19,486.07, or $1,046.27 more than was raised the preceding year.

It is thus very evident that there has been marked improvement all along the line. We ought to thank God and take courage, resolving with His help to accomplish if possible still greater things in the present year.

Have you secured tickets to the course of entertainments provided by the Young Men's Christian Association of the town? Help a worthy enterprise.

Topics of the Sunday Afternoon Meetings of the Pottsville Y. M. C. A. All are invited.

NOVEMBER 16th.

Subject:—The grace of God. 1 Cor. 12.
Question:—Behold the Lord thy God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me?

Leader, REV. E. G. HAY.

NOVEMBER 23rd.

Subject:—Work, the Christian's privilege and duty. Jas. 2.
Question:—Which is the first commandment of all?

Leader, W. B. HALL.

NOVEMBER 30th.

Subject:—Joy, the Christian's strength. Exodus 12.
Question:—Should I wait for the Lord any longer?

Leader, E. G. MATTHEWS.

DECEMBER 7.

Subject:—Jesus, the man of sorrows. Isa. 53.
Question:—Hath God forgotten to be gracious?

Leader, REV. A. R. BARTHOLOMEW.

DECEMBER 14th.

Subject:—The Cross of Christ. Dan. 3.
Question:—How shall this Man save us?

Leader, W. L. OWENS.

DECEMBER 21st.

Subject:—*Come*, the key-word of the Bible. Isa. 4.
Question:—Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me?

Leader, G. M. RISHEL.

DECEMBER 28th.

Subject:—Christ, the crucified. Heb. 12.
Question:—Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem?

Leader, P. A. ROTH.

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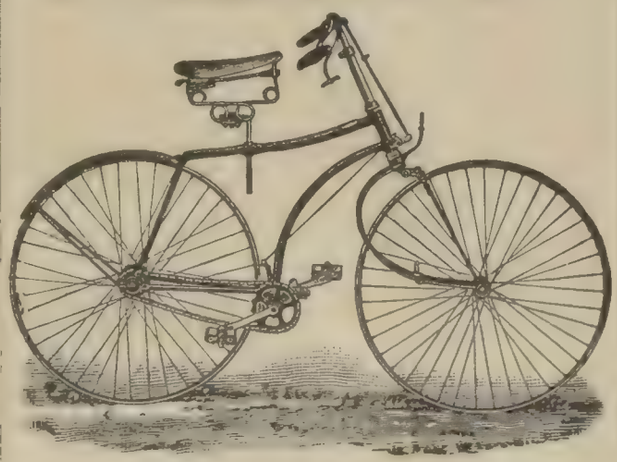

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